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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID NOT MEET IN**
2 **CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016.**

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6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. WE'D LIKE TO
7 CALL THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS TO ORDER, THIS DATE, FEBRUARY 16, 2016. THE
9 INVOCATION THIS AFTERNOON WILL BE LED BY DR. WILLIAM B. MARTIN
10 II FROM SURE WORD MINISTRIES IN PALMDALE. AND THE PLEDGE WILL
11 BE LED BY NICK QUANG CHANG, FORMER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER, UNITED
12 STATES NAVY, FROM TORRANCE.

13

14 **DR. WILLIAM B. MARTIN:** LET US PRAY. TODAY WE COME TO THANK YOU
15 FOR HOW YOU HAVE BLESSED US TO GATHER IN THIS PLACE. WE THANK
16 YOU FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND FOR THIS BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS, FOR THE COMMISSIONS AND THE COMMITTEES, FOR ALL
18 THOSE WHO SERVE IN ANY CAPACITY THAT CAUSE THIS, OUR COUNTY,
19 TO BE SAFE AND SOUND, THE HEALTH, THE WELFARE OF ALL OF OUR
20 CITIZENS. IN THIS GREAT COUNTY, LORD, WE THANK YOU, THE 10
21 MILLION PLUS AND THE 4,200 SQUARE MILES OF COUNTY AREA WHEREBY
22 CITIZENS LIVE AND GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES. WE'RE
23 ASKING, LORD, THAT A PRONOUNCEMENT OF A BLESSING WOULD BE UPON
24 OUR COUNTY TO KEEP US TOGETHER WORKING AND SERVING, RECEIVING
25 FROM ONE ANOTHER, HELPING EACH OTHER TO BE THE KIND OF COUNTY

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1 THAT YOU WOULD BE PLEASED OF AND THAT YOUR SPIRIT WOULD BE
2 UPON. NOW, LORD, AS WE PRAY, WE'RE ASKING TODAY THAT YOU WOULD
3 BLESS, GIVE WISDOM, GIVE KNOWLEDGE, GIVE UNDERSTANDING TO ALL
4 THE VARIOUS ETHNICITIES AND LANGUAGES AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT
5 DWELL IN THIS COUNTY. WE'RE PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING
6 AND THOSE WHO ARE HELPING, THOSE BEHIND THE SCENES, THOSE ON
7 THE STREETS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
8 AND WE'RE PRAYING FOR ALL THOSE THAT ARE HERE TODAY. SO, GOD,
9 WE BLESS YOU, WE PRAISE YOU, WE'RE ASKING THAT YOUR SPIRIT
10 WOULD BE UPON US AS THIS MEETING THAT GOES FORTH, IN THE NAME
11 THAT'S ABOVE EVERY NAME, YESHUA, THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF
12 LORDS WE PRAY, AMEN.

13

14 **MR. QUANG CHANG:** PLEASE STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
15 FOR THOSE VETERANS, YOU CAN RENDER SALUTE.
16 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND
19 THE PUBLIC. ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'D LIKE TO
20 SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR INVOCATOR, DR. WILLIAM B. MARTIN II.
21 DR. MARTIN IS A NATIVE OF THE JEFFERSON PARK AREA OF LOS
22 ANGELES. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS A SENIOR PASTOR OF THE SURE
23 WORD MINISTRIES. HE WAS INSPIRED TO BECOME A PASTOR AT THE
24 EARLY AGE OF FIVE WHEN HE WAS CAST AS A MINISTER IN A CHURCH
25 PLAY. HE GRADUATED FROM DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL AND SOON AFTER HE

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1 WAS CALLED TO SERVICE WHILE LISTENING TO A SERMON AT ROSE OF
2 SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH, WHICH LED HIM TO EARN A BACHELOR'S
3 DEGREE IN RELIGION AND ETHNIC STUDIES FROM PEPPERDINE
4 UNIVERSITY AND A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE CALIFORNIA GRADUATE
5 SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND HIS DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE FROM
6 THE ASSOCIATED THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL. IN 1979, DR. MARTIN FOUNDED
7 THE INNER-CITY CHRISTIAN CENTER TO HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL
8 THROUGH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE'S BEEN IN MINISTRY FOR OVER 40
9 YEARS AND ESTABLISHED THE SURE WORD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL,
10 A WORLD OUTREACH MINISTRY EMPOWERING BELIEVERS TO PROSPER IN
11 EVERY AREA OF THEIR LIVES THROUGH PERSONAL APPLICATION OF
12 GOD'S WORD. DR. MARTIN HAS BEEN THE AREA COORDINATOR OF THE
13 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CITIES OF LOS ANGELES AND
14 RANCHO CUCAMONGA AND LEADS AN EARLY MORNING PRAYER LINE EVERY
15 MORNING AT 6 A.M. DR. MARTIN IS MARRIED TO DOLORES MARTIN WHO
16 IS ALSO AN ORDAINED MINISTER. THEY HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH
17 SEVEN CHILDREN AND NINE GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH
18 FOR BEING HERE AND PRESENTING TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
21 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A
22 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR. NICK QUANG FROM THE GREAT
23 CITY OF TORRANCE. HE'S A FORMER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN THE
24 UNITED STATES NAVY, GO NAVY, SERVING FROM 1988 TO 2007. HE'S
25 LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR OVER 27 YEARS. WHEN NICK

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1 SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COUNTY IN BOTH KUWAIT AND IRAQ, AND
2 AS A RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS, INCLUDING
3 THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, FIRST GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL,
4 AND THE KUWAIT LIBERATION MEDAL. NICK AND HIS WIFE HAVE THREE
5 CHILDREN: JUSTIN, JASON AND JENNIFER. SO ON BEHALF OF THE
6 BOARD, WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN
7 THE PLEDGE; BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.
8 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME
11 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA
12 ON PAGE 3. AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, WE HAVE THE
13 ADDITION OF A POLICY MATTER, ITEM P-1. THIS IS RELATED TO ITEM
14 9 AND THEY WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. ON ITEMS R-1 AND R-2, WE
15 WILL HOLD THESE FOR REPORTS. ON ITEM R-3, THE DIRECTOR OF
16 HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MARCH
17 15, 2016. ON ITEM R-4, WE WILL ALSO HOLD THIS ITEM FOR A
18 REPORT. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL WORKS
19 FINANCING AUTHORITY, ON ITEM 1-F, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
20 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10, ON ITEM NO. 1, A MEMBER OF
22 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2,
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
24 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 3 AND 4 A MEMBER OR MEMBERS
25 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.

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1 7, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
2 ITEM NO. 9, AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THIS INCLUDES
3 THE REVISIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
4 KNABE'S AMENDMENT, AND WE WILL HOLD THIS WITH RELATED ITEM P-
5 1. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE
6 BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED. SUCH WILL
9 BE THE ORDER.

10

11 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 9, CONSENT
12 CALENDAR, ITEMS 11 THROUGH 36. ON ITEM 14, THE INTERIM CHIEF
13 PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE PORTION RELATED TO THE
14 PROBATION DEPARTMENT BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 1, 2016.
15 14. ON ITEM 15, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
16 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 17, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
17 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A
18 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
19 22, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THAT
20 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 1, 2016. I'M SORRY,
21 ON ITEM 23 AND 24, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 25, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
23 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
24 FEBRUARY 23, 2016. ON ITEM 27 AND 28, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF
25 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 32 AND

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1 33, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
2 BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE
3 BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 20,
9 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 37, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
10 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6 SALARIES BY
11 ESTABLISHING SALARIES, ADDING OR DELETING, CHANGING CERTAIN
12 CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS
13 DEPARTMENTS. AND ON THIS ITEM, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION
14 OFFICER ALSO REQUESTS THAT THE PORTION RELATED TO THE
15 PROBATION DEPARTMENT BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 1, 2016.
16 AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
17 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 38, THIS IS A TREASURER AND TAX
18 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
19 THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
20 FINANCING AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS 2016 SERIES D ON A
21 TAX-EXEMPT BASIS WITH AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300 MILLION TO
22 FINANCE THE REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL PAPER NOTES
23 ISSUED TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NEW MARTIN
24 LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FACILITY AND THE EXECUTION
25 AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS LEGAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ISSUE THE

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1 BONDS AND COMPLETE THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RATIFY THE
2 PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS HELD BY
3 THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR ON JANUARY 13, 2016 IN
4 ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL AND CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODES.
5 AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
6 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 21, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE
7 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
8 MEETING, ON ITEM 39-A, SUPERVISOR KNABE ABSTAINS ON THIS
9 MATTER AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 HELD. ON ITEM 39-B, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
11 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON 39-C, THIS ITEM RELATES TO
12 ITEM R-1, AND THEY WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. ALSO ON THIS
13 ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE AMENDED
14 TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO INVENTORY
15 ALL OTHER NON-PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD
16 OFFICES AND PROVIDE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS ON FORMAT,
17 FREQUENCY, AND CONTENT OF THESE REPORTS IN 180 DAYS. AND ON
18 THIS ITEM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
19 HELD.

20
21 **SUP. KNABE:** 39-C?

22
23 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** 39-C. IT WILL BE
24 HELD. ITEM 39-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

2 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 24, NOTICES
5 OF CLOSED SESSION FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2016. ON ITEM C.S.-1, THE
6 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER
7 OFFICE. ON ITEM C.S.-2, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
8 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS INCLUDES THE ADDITION OF ITEM
9 C.S.-5, AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES
10 THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
11 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3. THANK YOU.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH PRESENTATIONS, I HAVE
14 A CONSULATE PRESENTATION. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THE HONORABLE
15 LUIS GARCIA TEZANOS PINTO, CONSUL GENERAL OF ARGENTINA, TO
16 STEP FORWARD. THANK YOU. I'M DELIGHTED TO INVITE THE HONORABLE
17 LUIS GARCIA TEZANOS PINTO, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF ARGENTINA IN
18 LOS ANGELES TO BE HERE WITH US TODAY. I'M PLEASED TO WELCOME
19 HIM TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN 1973, CONSUL GENERAL GARCIA
20 TEZANOS PINTO RECEIVED HIS DEGREE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM
21 THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR IN BUENOS AIRES. FOR OVER SIX
22 YEARS, HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF CONSULAR LAW AT THE ARGENTINE
23 INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN SERVICE. CONSUL GENERAL GARCIA TEZANOS
24 PINTO PERFORMED HIS DUTIES AS ARGENTINE DIPLOMAT AT NUMEROUS
25 POSTS AROUND THE WORLD. HE WAS THE FIRST SECRETARY AT THE

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1 EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA IN ASUNCION, PARAGUAY.
2 HIS SECOND DEPLOYMENT WAS AT THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
3 ARGENTINA IN MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY AS A RANK OF SECRETARY, WHERE
4 HE WAS SPECIALIST IN LATIN AMERICA INTEGRATION. LATER, HE WAS
5 POSTED AT THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA IN CARACAS,
6 VENEZUELA AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION. BACK AT THE MINISTRY OF
7 FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, CONSUL GENERAL
8 GARCIA TEZANOS PINTO WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IN 1994, HE
10 WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF MINISTER EXTRAORDINARY AND
11 PLENIPOTENTIARY THE SAME YEAR. HE BECAME CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC
12 DEPARTMENT AT THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA IN
13 URUGUAY. CONSUL GENERAL GARCIA TEZANOS PINTO IS MARRIED AND
14 HAS TWO CHILDREN. CONSUL GENERAL, ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR
16 SUPPORT ON YOUR MISSION HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WISH
17 YOU THE VERY BEST ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE.]

19
20 **CONSUL GENERAL GARCIA TEZANOS PINTO:** GOOD MORNING. WELL, I
21 WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE CHAIR OF THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SUPERVISOR HILDA
23 SOLIS, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS
24 ANGELES. IT'S WITH GREAT HONOR AND PLEASURE TO BE HERE
25 RECEIVING THIS WARM AND WELCOMING RECEPTION. PERFORMING MY

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1 DUTIES AS CONSULAR GENERAL OF ARGENTINA IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES IS REALLY A PRIVILEGE FOR ME. I BELIEVE IT'S ONE OF
3 THE BEST POSTS ANY DIPLOMAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE, IN A COUNTY
4 WITH SUCH A DIVERSITY -- SORRY FOR MY ENGLISH -- NATURAL
5 BEAUTY AND VERY FRIENDLY POPULATION. I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS
6 OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND ON BEHALF OF THE CONSULAR GENERAL OF
7 ARGENTINA AND THE ARGENTINE COMMUNITY RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY, OUR DEEP GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE
9 SERVICES AND KINDNESS THAT WE CONSTANTLY RECEIVE FROM ALL
10 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE BOARD. YOU ARE ALWAYS THERE TO
11 HELP US IN ANY POSSIBLE WAY WHEN OUR CONSULAR GENERAL REQUESTS
12 YOUR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT DURING THE MULTIPLE CHALLENGES
13 THAT WE FACE ON A DAILY BASIS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME
14 IF I CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE. I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE
15 BUILDING BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR
16 TWO COMMUNITIES. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO
17 PARTICIPATE IN THIS WELCOMING BOARD MEETING. THANK YOU VERY
18 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21
22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. A FEW
23 PRESENTATIONS TODAY WHICH I'M VERY, VERY HAPPY TO MAKE. FIRST
24 OF ALL, AS WE ALL KNOW, WE'VE BEEN FOCUSING VERY STRONGLY THIS
25 YEAR ON ISSUES RELATED TO CHILD WELFARE. SO IT IS A GREAT

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1 PLEASURE TO HONOR TODAY JANA SUE MEMEL, AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY.
2 JANA SUE MEMEL IS A WOMAN WITH A BACKGROUND IN THE
3 ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS, AN ATTORNEY, MOST IMPORTANTLY SOMEONE
4 DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN. SHE'S
5 VOLUNTEERED HUNDREDS OF HOURS TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE, USER-
6 FRIENDLY WEBSITE FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING YOUTH LIVING IN
7 FOSTER CARE. IT'S CALLED TEENPARENT.NET. SHE ALSO DONATED HER
8 TIME TO REDESIGN THE 16-HOUR WHOLE FAMILY FOSTER HOME
9 CERTIFICATION TRAINING THAT HELPS TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL
10 CAREGIVERS WHO SERVE DEPENDENT TEENS AND THEIR NON-DEPENDENT
11 CHILDREN, ALLOWING THESE YOUNG FAMILIES TO REMAIN IN THE SAME
12 HOME. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CELEBRATING THIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO
13 OUR FOSTER YOUTH DEMONSTRATED BY JANA SUE MEMEL. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I WANT TO THANK HER AND I WANT TO THANK THE
16 SUPERVISOR FOR RECOGNIZING JANA SUE. WE HAVE BEHIND US SOME OF
17 THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE WORKED SO CLOSELY WITH JANA SUE TO
18 HELP IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY. AND OUR RECIPIENT OF THIS SCROLL TOOK AN
20 OPPORTUNITY JUST A MOMENT AGO TO NOT ONLY GET A BUSINESS CARD
21 FROM ME BUT ONE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S SENIOR STAFF. AND I
22 BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO BE HEARING MORE ABOUT WHAT SHE PLANS IN
23 TERMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA. I THINK ALL OF YOU KNOW WE HAVE
24 THOUSANDS OF DEDICATED SOCIAL WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
25 WHO TRY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE 36,000 CHILDREN FOR WHOM

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1 WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY. BUT IT'S VOLUNTEERS LIKE THIS THAT
2 REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND I WANT TO LET HER SAY A FEW
3 WORDS BEFORE WE GIVE HER ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. SO COME ON
4 UP.

5

6 **JANA SUE MEMEL:** HI, THANK YOU. THIS TAKES A VILLAGE.
7 EVERYTHING TAKES A VILLAGE. NONE OF US CAN DO ANYTHING ALONE.
8 THIS IS MY VILLAGE. MARA ZEIGLER FROM PUBLIC COUNSEL AND
9 BARBARA FROM THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THESE
10 WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL WOMEN FROM D.C.F.S. DONNA FERNANDEZ,
11 CHRISTINE NAYAD WHO CAME TO ENDLESS MEETINGS TO WORK ON THIS
12 WEBSITE. BUT I STARTED DOING THIS WEBSITE FOR ONE REASON. AND
13 IT WAS FOR THE KIDS. I READ AN ARTICLE ABOUT FOSTER KIDS
14 HAVING TO SLEEP ON OFFICE FLOORS BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH
15 BEDS FOR THEM. AND I SAID: SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE. AND RIGHT
16 NOW, PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS IN L.A. COUNTY, THE PEOPLE
17 WHO ARE NOT ONLY IN FOSTER CARE BUT ARE THE PARENTS OF
18 CHILDREN THEMSELVES DON'T HAVE ENOUGH BEDS. THERE AREN'T
19 ENOUGH HOMES FOR THESE KIDS AND ROLE MODELS TO MAKE THEM GOOD
20 PARENTS. AND I'D LIKE TO DEDICATE THE NEXT YEAR TO A SOCIAL
21 MEDIA AND MARKETING AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH TO FIND HOMES FOR
22 THESE KIDS WITH POSITIVE ROLE MODELS. AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED
23 SOME HELP FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE THIS
24 HAPPEN. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS. AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN DO

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1 SOMETHING TO FIND MORE BEDS FOR THESE KIDS. THANK YOU.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THIS NEXT PRESENTATION GIVES ME SPECIAL
5 HAPPINESS. LAST WEEK, IT WAS PRETTY HISTORIC HERE AT THE
6 BOARD. MORE THAN A DOZEN COUNTY MAYORS, OTHER ELECTEDS, COUNTY
7 RESIDENTS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, FORMERLY HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN
8 IN THE BOARDROOM ALL HERE TO SHARE THEIR ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THE
9 UNPRECEDENTED, COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE. THE
10 WORK THAT WENT INTO THOSE 47 STRATEGIES, THAT 240-PAGE
11 DOCUMENT, WAS STAGGERING. THERE WAS THE PUBLIC WORK, THE WORK
12 THAT YOU SAW, 18 POLICY SUMMITS HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
13 THEN THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF MEETINGS WITHIN THE COUNTY
14 ENGAGING VIRTUALLY EVERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT WITH THE CITIES,
15 THEIR RELEVANT AGENCIES, SERVICE PROVIDERS, THE C.E.O., ALL
16 THE SUPERVISORS' OFFICES. AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, SUCH AN
17 INITIATIVE REQUIRES THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT CAN BRING
18 PEOPLE TOGETHER, BECAUSE ALL OF THOSE STAKEHOLDERS NEED TO BE
19 ENGAGED AND TO UNDERSTAND AND FEEL THAT THEY WERE BEING
20 CAREFULLY LISTENED TO. THE INITIATIVE ALSO REQUIRED A TEAM OF
21 PEOPLE, TALENTED PEOPLE, WILLING TO DIVE DEEP, TAKE A LONG
22 TIME, AND UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX AND INTERRELATED SYSTEMS THAT
23 TOUCH EVERY ASPECT OF OUR HOMELESS POPULATIONS AND FOR THE
24 KIND OF FAITH AND VISION I THINK DR. KING WAS TALKING ABOUT
25 WHEN HE SAID FAITH IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP EVEN WHEN YOU

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1 DON'T SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE. LOS ANGELES WILL NOT SOLVE THE
2 CHALLENGE OF HOMELESSNESS IN A DAY OR A WEEK OR A MONTH OR
3 EVEN IN THIS FIRST YEAR. BUT THE WORK OF THE COUNTY HOMELESS
4 INITIATIVE TEAM MODELED EXACTLY THE KIND OF THOUGHTFUL,
5 DEDICATED WORK THAT IS NEEDED TO ULTIMATELY PUT AN END TO
6 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES. SO ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR WONDERFUL L.A. COUNTY
8 HOMELESS INITIATIVE TEAM LED BY PHIL ANSELL WITH LESLIE
9 BLOTCHER, JERRY RAMIREZ, MICHAEL CASTILLO, ASHLEY OH, AND
10 LATISHA COLCHADO. PLEASE GIVE THEM A HUGE, HUGE ROUND OF
11 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] MADAME CHAIR, IF YOU WANT TO CALL ON
12 PEOPLE?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR,
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. LET ME TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSOCIATE
16 MYSELF WITH YOUR AFFIRMATION OF THE TEAM THAT ENGAGED IN WHAT
17 BY ALL STANDARDS OF MEASUREMENT WILL BE SEEN AS AN
18 UNPRECEDENTED PUSH FORWARD, A LIFT THAT CAN'T BE DENIED. THEY
19 HAVE GIVEN US A ROAD MAP OF HOW TO BUILD ON AND SCALE UP THE
20 WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS
21 INTO A HIGHER STATE OF DIGNITY AND PURPOSE IN THEIR OWN LIVES.
22 THEY ARE HELPING US BUILD ON OUR REGIONAL SYSTEMS, LIKE THE
23 COORDINATED REGIONAL EFFORTS, EXAMPLE BEING FAMILY SOLUTIONS
24 AND C.E.S. THEY ARE EXPANDING ON ACCESS TO HOUSING CHOICES AND
25 VOUCHERS THAT MANY OF YOU KNOW ABOUT. THEY ARE HELPING US

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1 UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO ENHANCE OUR EMERGENCY SHELTER
2 SYSTEMS AND A PATHWAY TO HOUSING. AND THEY ARE STRENGTHENING
3 OUR COORDINATED OUTREACH EFFORTS AS EVIDENCE IS ALREADY
4 DISPLAYED. AND SO TO FILL IN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE TEAM, A
5 BIG SHOUTOUT FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO THE OFFICE OF THE
6 C.E.O., A BIG SHOUTOUT FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS CONNECTION.
7 I THINK THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS POISED TO DO THE RIGHT
8 THING, TO DO WHAT WE ARE MORALLY OBLIGED TO DO. AND IT'S IN NO
9 SMALL MEASURE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE LEADERSHIP, THE INTELLECT
10 AND THE DRIVE OF THIS TEAM. GIVE THEM ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF
11 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN MY COLLEAGUES AND
14 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND IN PARTICULAR OUR C.E.O. AS
15 WELL AS THIS TEAM THAT HAS ASSEMBLED ITSELF TO PRESENT US
16 WITH, I THINK, AN OUTLINE FOR WHERE WE GO IN THE NEXT DECADE.
17 HOPEFULLY WE WILL END THAT WORD "HOMELESSNESS" IN OUR
18 LIFETIME. BUT I WAS SO PROUD TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE COME LAST
19 WEEK AND ATTEND AND GIVE TESTIMONY AND PROOF THAT THIS IS A
20 LIVING DOCUMENT THAT WILL TAKE US TO ANOTHER LEVEL. AND I WANT
21 TO THANK ALL THE STAFF AND OUR STAFFS AND OUR COMMUNITY
22 SUPPORTERS AND STAKEHOLDERS THAT WERE OUT THERE WORKING VERY
23 HARD TO PUT THIS TOGETHER, ALL THE MEETINGS THAT WERE HELD,
24 THE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE THAT ATTENDED THOSE
25 FORUMS. AND THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PLANNING A

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1 REGIONAL SUMMIT SAYS A LOT. FOR THE FIRST TIME TO HAVE SO MANY
2 MAYORS HERE LAST WEEK WAS INCREDIBLE. IT REALLY PUTS LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY IN A MAJOR WAY ON THE MAP. BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE
4 SOMETHING HAPPEN. SO I KNOW THIS TEAM WILL DO IT. AND WE WANT
5 TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU. FELICIDADES. MUCHAS GRACIAS. THANK
6 YOU. MR. KNABE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ADD A THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AND
9 LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE TEAM. I THINK THE MOST
10 IMPORTANT -- THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN 10 YEARS WE'VE HAD A
11 MAJOR PUSH AS IT RELATES TO HOMELESSNESS HERE IN THE COUNTY,
12 AND WE'VE LEARNED A LOT IN THAT LAST 10 YEARS. AND I THINK THE
13 MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE WAS HAVING THOSE OTHER CITIES, THE
14 MAYORS AND EVERYONE ELSE AT SOME POINT ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACT
15 THAT THIS IS NOT JUST A ONE-CITY ISSUE OR ONE-COUNTY ISSUE BUT
16 ALL 88 CITIES HERE IN THE COUNTY. AND I THINK THAT WILL MAKE
17 THINGS HAPPEN. THAT ACKNOWLEDGMENT, THAT PARTICIPATION AND
18 COOPERATION WILL REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TRYING TO DO THE
19 RIGHT THING FOR THOSE IN NEED OUT THERE. SO, PHIL, YOU'VE COME
20 A LONG WAY, MAN. [LAUGHTER.] GOOD LUCK.

21

22 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF OUR ENTIRE TEAM, I WANT
23 TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND PARTICULARLY
24 THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING BY NAME AND INDIVIDUALLY THE
25 MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM. THAT'S A RELATIVELY RARE THING IN THE

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1 COUNTY THAT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT SENIOR EXECUTIVES RECEIVE
2 THIS SORT OF RECOGNITION. AND IT'S EXTRAORDINARILY WELL
3 DESERVED. I WANT TO ALSO THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR
4 THIS INITIATIVE TO EMERGE IN THE WAY THAT IT HAS. BECAUSE YOU
5 CREATED A CONTEXT IN WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS INITIATIVE
6 FELT FREE AND FELT SAFE TO THINK OPENLY, TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES
7 AND TO COLLABORATE. AND IT WAS THAT SENSE OF SAFETY AND
8 SUPPORT THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN THIS
9 PROCESS HAD THAT WAS REALLY KEY TO THE COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT
10 THAT RESULTED IN THE STRATEGIES THAT WE BROUGHT TO YOU LAST
11 WEEK. THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN ALL THE TIME. AND I REALLY WANT TO
12 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SENSE AND THAT PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY FROM THE
13 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WHO ENGAGE IN THIS PROCESS, WERE NOT AFRAID
14 TO SPEAK UP, WERE NOT AFRAID TO EXPRESS INNOVATIVE IDEAS, AND
15 WERE NOT AFRAID TO COLLABORATE WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY.
16 AND YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE WAY IN WHICH YOU SUPPORTED THIS
17 INITIATIVE IS WHAT MADE THAT ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE. AND WITHOUT
18 THAT, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GENERATE THE STRATEGIES
19 THAT WE BROUGHT TO YOU LAST WEEK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IN CASE YOU WONDER AS THEY WALK AWAY HOW
23 THEY PICK THE NUMBERS THAT GO ON THE BACK OF THEIR T-SHIRTS,
24 IT'S THEIR BIRTHDAYS. DOESN'T SAY WHICH MONTH, ONLY SAYS WHAT
25 DAY. OKAY. ONE MORE FROM THE 3RD. THIS PRESENTATION ALSO GIVES

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1 ME A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE. LAST WEEK, AS WE SAID, WHEN WE
2 APPROVED THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ABOUT THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE,
3 THERE WAS AN UNSEEN FORCE IN THE BOARDROOM, THE PERSON WE
4 HONORED TODAY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S DEVOTED MORE THAN THREE
5 DECADES WORKING ON THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, DOING WHAT HE
6 CAN -- AND IT'S BEEN QUITE A BIT -- TO HELP SOLVE THE ISSUE.
7 IN THE EARLY 1990S WHEN STREET HOMELESSNESS WAS BECOMING MORE
8 AND MORE VISIBLE, A PROGRAM OFFICER AT THE CONRAD N. HILTON
9 FOUNDATION WAS CHARGED WITH IDENTIFYING WHERE THE FOUNDATION
10 COULD ACTUALLY MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. THAT PROGRAM OFFICER
11 WAS STEVEN M. HILTON. AND HE CHOSE TO FOCUS ON A NEW
12 INNOVATION AT THE TIME, COMBINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH
13 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, WHICH WE NOW CALL UBIQUITOUSLY AND ABOUT
14 97 TIMES A DAY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THE FOUNDATION
15 SUPPORTED EARLY TESTING AND EXPANSION OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
16 HOUSING AND THE CREATION OF THOUSANDS OF UNITS OF PERMANENT
17 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BUT IN
18 ADDITION, THE FOUNDATION INSISTED ON PROOF, RESEARCH AND
19 ANALYSIS THAT BUILT A BODY OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE TO
20 ENSURE THAT WHAT THEY WERE INVESTING IN WAS REALLY WORKING AND
21 TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT TO OTHERS. THE FOUNDATION HAS
22 SINCE BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST PHILANTHROPIC FUNDERS WORKING
23 TO END HOMELESSNESS IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION AND A NATIONAL
24 PHILANTHROPIC LEADER ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. STEVE HILTON
25 IS ONE OF THE GREAT REASONS FOR THAT. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN

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1 RECOGNIZING THE OVER 30-YEAR COMMITMENT TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS
2 OF OUR FRIEND, STEVEN M. HILTON. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IF YOU WILL, JUST A WORD
5 OF SUPPORT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF YOUR GIVING STEVE PRAISE
6 TODAY. IT WAS IN 2012 THAT THE COUNTY EMBARKED ON ITS HEALTH
7 SERVICES FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL THAT TRIGGERED THE
8 HILTON MATCHING DOLLARS FOR THE INITIAL INVESTMENT. AND IT HAS
9 GONE FROM THERE. AND IT'S THE FORERUNNER, IN MANY RESPECTS, OF
10 WHAT WE NOW REFER TO AS HOUSING FOR HEALTH. A LOT IS GOING ON.
11 MUCH MORE IN THE WAY OF RESOURCES ARE BEING PLACED IN THIS
12 EFFORT. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE MAKE
13 REFERENCE TO PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN CONCRETE TERMS,
14 OVER 1,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HOUSED AND I JUST WANT TO SAY
15 THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND THANK YOU ON
16 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
17 THANK YOU FOR HAVING MR. HILTON COME BEFORE US TODAY. THANK
18 YOU ONCE AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **STEVEN M. HILTON:** WELL, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THANK YOU. AND ALSO
21 THANK YOU TO THE REST OF THE BOARD FOR THIS HONOR ON BEHALF OF
22 THE CONRAD HILTON FOUNDATION. BUT I REALLY THINK IT'S, YOU
23 KNOW, MANY PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER TO HELP THE HOMELESS. AND WHAT
24 YOU JUST DID RECENTLY IS HUGE. IT'S VERY HUGE. MY GRANDFATHER,
25 CONRAD HILTON, WHO STARTED HILTON HOTELS, IN HIS LAST WILL, HE

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1 WROTE "LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR THAT IS THE WHOLE LAW. SO OUR
2 FELLOW MEN DESERVE TO BE LOVED AND ENCOURAGED, NEVER TO BE
3 ABANDONED TO WANDER ALONE IN POVERTY AND DARKNESS." AND I AM
4 PLEASED TO SEE THAT THIS BOARD, I THINK, ALSO EMBRACES THAT
5 SAME PHILOSOPHY AND EVEN THE PASTOR WHO STARTED THIS MEETING
6 WITH A PRAYER RECOGNIZING THAT PART OF WHAT YOU DO IS GOD'S
7 WORK AND HELPING THE HOMELESS IS CLEARLY PART OF GOD'S WORK.
8 SO WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS AT THE FOUNDATION FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS.
9 AND IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WE COMMITTED 57 MILLION TO LOS
10 ANGELES ALONE. AND RECENTLY OUR BOARD COMMITTED FOR ANOTHER
11 FIVE YEARS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU AND OTHERS JUST IN LOS
12 ANGELES. AND AGAIN, WE AT THE HILTON FOUNDATION APPLAUD THE
13 WORK OF THE COUNTY AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU'RE DOING AND SUCH
14 PROJECTS AS THE FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDY POOL AND THE UPCOMING
15 PAY FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM. AND THE OTHER ONE, ONE LAST COMMENT,
16 IS THE HOME FOR GOOD HOME WALK. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS THERE
17 RECENTLY AND DID THE WALK THE WALK TO GET EVERYBODY FIRED UP,
18 WHICH IF YOU WEREN'T THERE, IT WAS AWESOME.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MY ONLY FORAY INTO RAP.

21

22 **STEVEN M. HILTON:** SHE GAVE US A RAP SONG. IT WAS VERY
23 INSPIRING. SO, AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE HILTON FOUNDATION,
24 THANK YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION. GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE
2 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE
3 THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT
4 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED TO ENSURE
5 THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE
6 OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC OR THE ABILITY
7 OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THE
8 FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING TODAY'S BOARD
9 HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES.
10 SPEAKERS MUST END SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME IS
11 ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE
12 SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED
13 TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC
14 COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE
15 WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE
16 FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING
17 PROFANE, PERSONAL, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR ABUSIVE
18 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD AND ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR
19 OTHER PERSONS. THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS
20 EXPRESSED BY THE SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT
21 CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT
22 OF THE MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE
23 MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEMBER. IF
24 YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
25 THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN

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1 THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT OF ARMS OR OTHER
2 COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP WITNESSES
5 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE JENKINS PRENTISS ON ITEM 24, 33,
6 C.S.-3, 39-A, C.S.-5, AND 33. ALSO MR. ERIC PREVEN HOLDS ITEMS
7 1-F, 3, 7, 23, 27, 32, 33, 38 AND C.S.-2. AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH
8 ALSO ITEM 39-A. AND ARNOLD SACHS FOR ITEMS 1-F, 4, 14, 17, 24,
9 28, 33, 37, 38, 39-A. CANDICE FRAZIER HOLDING ITEM 1. AND DR.
10 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL ITEMS 1-F, 4, 7, 15, 33, AND 38. THANK YOU.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE
13 THIRD DISTRICT. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR.
14 TODAY'S A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON THE AFTERNOON SIDE. SO WE
15 START AT 1 P.M. AND ITEM NO. 2 IS AN ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
16 MATTER. THIS IS ONE WHERE THE CORPS -- WE ARE GOING TO BE
17 HAVING A QUICK LOOK-SEE AT THE CORPS AND HOW WE CAN BE HELPFUL
18 TO THEM, IS MY UNDERSTANDING OF THIS ITEM, AND VICE VERSA. I
19 THINK IT'S ALSO A GOOD TO TAKE A LITTLE INVENTORY BEFORE THE
20 BOARD GOES TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 19TH, WHICH I KNOW THERE IS
21 AN INCREDIBLE ENTHUSIASM AMONG CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
22 FOR THAT TRIP TO TRY TO BANK AS MUCH FEDERAL MONEY AS
23 POSSIBLE. AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD IN CONNECTION WITH
24 THAT TO TRY TO POSSIBLY BENCHMARK WHAT THE GOAL IS IN TERMS OF
25 HOW MUCH YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET AND BAG AND THEN WE COULD SEE

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1 HOW YOU DO ON THE B SIDE, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN VERY,
2 VERY FOCUSED ON THAT. AND WE ARE OF COURSE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT.
3 ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR KNABE IS THOUGHTFULLY MOVING FORWARD
4 THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING THE SAN PEDRO COURTHOUSE. IT'S A
5 STATE PROPERTY, I THINK. AND I THINK THAT'S GREAT. WE SHOULD
6 JUST BE VERY CLEAR THAT WE DO AN R.F.I., WHICH MEANS A REQUEST
7 FOR INFORMATION, SO THAT FOLKS CAN DECIDE HOW IT MIGHT BE BEST
8 PUT TO USE. MR. BUSCAINO, WHO FUNCTIONS IN HIS DISTRICT ON THE
9 CITY LEVEL IN SAN PEDRO DOWN THERE, LIKES TO HAVE A LITTLE
10 R.F.I. FOR A PIECE OF PROPERTY AND THEN, WHEN NOBODY IS
11 LOOKING, HE MAKES A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT AND IT'S AN R.F.P.,
12 WHICH EXCLUDES GREAT NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS, WHICH IS A COUNTY
13 PRACTICE NATURALLY, BUT FROM A LITTLE CITY GUY LIKE THAT, IT'S
14 WORRISOME. WE JUST WANT TO MONITOR IT VERY CLOSELY. AND BY THE
15 WAY, THIS IS NOT A -- TODAY'S ITEM, I BELIEVE, IS -- THIS IS
16 JUST GETTING THE STATE TO SIGN OFF. NOW, ITEM 19 IS CONFUSING.
17 THE MAYOR IS NOT HERE TODAY. I ASSUME HE'S OVERSEAS OR
18 SOMETHING. BUT ITEM 19 IS \$21,700,000 GIFT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
19 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. FROM THOSE WHO PAY ATTENTION,
20 LAST WEEK, THE MAYOR CALLED FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA
21 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. BUT THIS WEEK, WE'RE ACCEPTING
22 SOME MONEY FOR EFFICIENCY, AND CERTAINLY I.S.D. IS
23 APPRECIATIVE OF THAT. ITEM 27, THE GREAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL FROM
24 THE THIRD DISTRICT TRIED TO PROTECT TERRY -- NOT TERRY BUT MR.
25 LESTER, DR. LESTER OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION LAST WEEK. THIS

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1 WEEK THE COASTAL COMMISSION IS PROVIDING A \$586,000 -- FRANKLY
2 IT'S AN R.V. HOOKUP EXTENSION PROGRAM, WHICH MAKES ABSOLUTELY
3 NO SENSE. WE SHOULD PUT BEACHES AND HARBORS, AS I TOLD MS.
4 WICKHAM, WHO IS CONVERSING WITH THE C.E.O, BUT HER DESIGNEE,
5 MR. HAFETZ, BEACHES AND HARBORS GROUP IS INCAPABLE
6 UNFORTUNATELY OF PROVIDING BACKUP DOCUMENTATION ABOUT HOW MUCH
7 MONEY THEY'RE SPENDING WHEN ASKED, AND THEN WE'RE EXTENDING
8 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS INTO THAT PROGRAM. AND THAT MAKES NO SENSE,
9 BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS TO DO THAT WITHOUT A FAIR ACCOUNTING. I
10 MEAN, WOULD YOU? CERTAINLY NOT. AND SO, C.S.-2 IS CIVIL RIGHTS
11 VIOLATIONS UP THE YING-YANG, AND LAST WEEK BACA, AS WE ALL DO
12 KNOW, HAS PLED GUILTY AND WILL BE DOING TIME.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME EXPIRED. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'LL COME BACK. THANK YOU.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JOSEPH.

20

21 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** YES, HELLO, JOSEPH MAIZLISH. THIS ITEM NUMBER
22 39-A ABOUT STREET REPAIR, I HAVE AN INTERESTING HISTORY ON IT.
23 I WAS AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC IN 1978 WHEN PROPOSITION 13 PASSED,
24 AND I DID MOST OF OUR SMALL SHOP'S FRONT-END ALIGNMENT AND
25 REPAIRS. I FORESAW THAT THE PROPOSITION, WHICH I DID NOT

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1 FAVOR, WOULD RESULT IN A STRETCHOUT OF STREET REPAIR INTERVALS
2 AND CONSEQUENTLY GREATER WEAR, DAMAGE, NEED FOR REPAIRS, AND
3 EVEN INJURY. REDUCTION IN TAXATION RATHER THAN CORRECTION OF
4 ITS UNFAIR IMPACT WAS GOING TO CAUSE INCONVENIENCE, INJURY AND
5 MONETARY EXPENSE TO US AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A SOCIETY. TOO
6 NARROW AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERMS TAX AND TAXPAYER WAS
7 GOING TO RESULT IN COST DUMPING BY GOVERNMENT AND, IN EFFECT,
8 A HIGHER, THOUGH NONGOVERNMENTAL, TAX ON EVERYONE. SO WHAT WAS
9 TRUE FOR STREETS AND STILL IS IS ALSO TRUE FOR SPENDING ON
10 SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. MASSIVE POTHOLES SHOW IN SO
11 MANY AREAS AND YOU'RE WORKING ON SOME OF THEM: HOUSING,
12 HEALTH, CONSUMER PROTECTION, PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE TO
13 INDUSTRIAL, TOXIC AND NATURAL DISASTERS, FAMILY AND YOUTH
14 SERVICES AND IN PREVENTION OF ANTI-SOCIAL ACTS, SOME OF WHICH
15 WE CALL CRIME. YOU DO YOUR BEST WITHIN THE DOMINANT POLITICAL
16 BELIEF SYSTEM TRYING TO FILL IN ONE POTHOLE AFTER ANOTHER.
17 LET'S FIX THE BIG POTHOLE, THE ONE IN THINKING AND POLICY, THE
18 ONE WHICH COSTS US SO MUCH IN FINANCIAL, SAFETY AND MORALE
19 TERMS. LET'S FACE UP TO THE NEED FOR A MAJOR INCREASE IN
20 FAIRLY COLLECTED PUBLIC REVENUE AND WISELY DIRECTED PUBLIC
21 SPENDING. 39-A IS IMPORTANT FOR ITS SPECIFIC BENEFITS AND
22 SAVINGS AND FOR THE SIMPLE TRUTH IT TELLS US ABOUT GAINING THE
23 BENEFITS WHICH AWAIT US. AS OFFICIALS, YOU ARE NATURALLY
24 CONCERNED ABOUT THE GOVERNMENTAL BUDGET. IF THAT CONCERN IS
25 NOT ACCOMPANIUED BY ADVOCACY AND ACTION TO CORRECT THE

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1 SHORTFALL IN COMMON SPENDING, WE WILL ALL CONTINUE TO SUFFER
2 THE DEFICITS IN THE BUDGET, THAT OTHER BUDGET, THE BUDGET OF
3 OUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. THANK YOU FOR THIS ONE STEP. IT SHOULD
4 BE A MODEL OF OUR APPROACH ON MANY OTHER ISSUES. AS YOU SAID,
5 CHAIR SOLIS, ON ASSUMING THE CHAIR, THIS IS GOING TO NEED
6 MASSIVE INVESTMENT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
9 CALL UP RUTH SARNOFF, WHO HOLDS ITEM 1-F AND ITEM 38. ARNOLD
10 SACHS.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS, AND
13 I DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I HELD ITEM 1-F. IT'S PUBLIC WORKS
14 IS GOING TO SELL \$300 MILLION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR
15 M.L.K. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, WHICH IS NO LONGER THE TRAUMA
16 CENTER. BUT THAT \$300 MILLION, THAT NUMBER SOUNDS AWFULLY
17 FAMILIAR. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU KNOW WHY THAT NUMBER
18 SOUNDS FAMILIAR? MR. KNABE, DO YOU KNOW WHY THAT NUMBER SOUNDS
19 FAMILIAR? I KNOW WHY THAT NUMBER SOUNDS FAMILIAR. THAT'S THE
20 AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU USED TO GET FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
21 BEFORE SOMEBODY CALLED THE COUNTY'S BLUFF AND THEY HAD TO SHUT
22 THE HOSPITAL DOWN BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF THE POOR TRAINING AND
23 ALL THE OTHER CRAP THAT WENT ON TO MAKE M.L.K. KILLER KING
24 HOSPITAL. \$300 MILLION. IMAGINE THAT. NOW YOU'RE GOING TO COME
25 UP WITH ANOTHER \$300 MILLION. I HELD ITEM 14. IT'S AN

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1 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ADD TWO NEW CLASSIFICATIONS AND PAY
2 SCALES. THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG. YOU JUST PASSED A NEW UNION
3 CONTRACT. TWO MONTHS LATER, YOU HAD AN ORDINANCE AND TWO NEW
4 CLASSIFICATIONS AND PAY RAISES. IF YOU WORK THAT QUICKLY ON
5 SOME OF YOUR OTHER POLICIES, MAYBE YOU'D SHOULD SHOW SOME
6 IMPROVEMENT. I HELD ITEM 24. IT REFERS TO SOME MONEY BEING
7 FUNDED FOR YOUTH POSITIONS. SO AT THE YOUTH JOB FAIR, HOW MANY
8 PEOPLE SHOWED UP FROM INGLEWOOD TO TAKE PART IN THAT YOUTH JOB
9 FAIR THAT YOU PARADED AROUND HERE LAST WEEK THAT WAS GOING TO
10 HIRE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS AND THOUSANDS AND TENS AND ONES
11 PEOPLE. HOW MANY? I HELD ITEM 33, FALSE STATEMENTS BY
12 EMPLOYEES OF THE D.C.F.S. THAT'S A GROUNDBREAKING BIT OF NEWS.
13 I COULD SWEAR THAT IN ALL THE YEARS I'VE BEEN SHOWING UP FOR
14 THIS MEETING, THERE'S PROBABLY BEEN AT LEAST ONE OR TWO PEOPLE
15 WHO HAVE SHOWN UP AND SAID: YOU KNOW, D.C.F.S. IS MAKING FALSE
16 STATEMENTS AND THEY'RE KEEPING MY KIDS FROM ME. AND NOW YOU'RE
17 GOING TO PUT IT ON YOUR AGENDA THAT D.C.F.S. IS ACTUALLY
18 MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS, KEEPING CHILDREN FROM FAMILIES.
19 THAT'S GOING TO WORK OUT REALLY SWELL. AND MS. SOLIS, COMING
20 UP WITH THIS BEAUTIFUL IDEA FOR A FUNDING FROM THE STATE, HAVE
21 YOU EVER HAD ANY IDEA ABOUT MEASURE R, THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX
22 THAT WAS PASSED BY THE METRO BOARD OR PUSHED BY THE METRO
23 BOARD THAT WAS GOING TO RAISE \$40 BILLION IN 30 YEARS? BUT
24 IT'S ACTUALLY MORE THAN THAT, BECAUSE SINCE IT'S A SALES TAX
25 AND THERE'S ALREADY A PENNY SALES TAX THAT GOES TO METRO, IT

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1 WOULD HAVE BEEN \$120 BILLION. PROP A, PROP C AND MEASURE R.
2 \$120 BILLION. THEY ONLY MISSED THEIR FORECAST BY MORE THAN 50
3 PERCENT. AND YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT MAKING PROGRESS BY
4 GOING TO STATE LEGISLATION. WHAT CRAP.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, NORMALLY I DON'T RESPOND TO HIS
9 OUTRAGEOUS CLAIMS HERE, BUT I FEEL COMPELLED. I WAS GOING TO
10 MENTION THIS LATER. I DID ATTEND THE JOB FAIR THIS PAST
11 THURSDAY. THERE WERE OVER 6,000 YOUNG PEOPLE WENT THROUGH
12 THAT. IT WAS THE MOST PHENOMENAL JOBS PROGRAM THAT I'VE EVER
13 WITNESSED.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HOW MANY CAME FROM INGLEWOOD?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** LISTEN, IT'S NOT YOUR TURN TO TALK. YOU'RE OUT OF
18 HERE. YOU'RE OUT OF HERE.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE, SERGEANTS, SERGEANTS, SERGEANTS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** GO, LEAVE. THE DOOR IS FOR YOU.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST -- I WANT TO, BECAUSE THIS WAS SUCH AN
2 OUTSTANDING PROGRAM. I FEEL COMPELLED. IT WAS SO ORGANIZED.
3 STARBUCKS, OUR COUNTY FAMILY, ALL OUR COUNTY OPERATIONS ARE
4 THERE AND THE JOB FAIR, CITY FOLKS WERE THERE. J.C. PENNEY'S
5 HAD -- HERE'S HOW FAR IT WENT. THERE WERE MOCK INTERVIEWS, IN
6 CASE SOME OF THESE KIDS WERE NOT INTERESTED, NEVER DONE AN
7 INTERVIEW, BEFORE THEY WENT TO REAL INTERVIEWS, THEY WERE
8 BEING INTERVIEWED ON SITE FOR JOBS, GETTING JOBS ON SITE. I
9 MET SEVERAL KIDS THAT GOT THREE JOB OFFERS AT THE SAME TIME.
10 STARBUCKS WAS TRAINING THEIR NEW EMPLOYEES ON SITE. NORDSTROM
11 RACK HAD A PLACE THERE WITH CLOTHES SHOULD THE KIDS NOT BE
12 DRESSED APPROPRIATELY. THEY NOT ONLY GOT NEW CLOTHES, BUT THEY
13 GOT TO KEEP THEM. J.C. PENNEY HAD SORT OF A, NOT A FULL
14 MAKEOVER BUT A MAKEUP AND HAIR AND ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** A DO UP.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** TO PREPARE THEM FOR AN INTERVIEW. I MEAN, IT WAS
19 THE MOST PHENOMENAL PROGRAM I HAVE EVER WITNESSED FOR JOBS. IT
20 WAS SO WELL ORGANIZED.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HALLELUJAH!

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I JUST WANT TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO ALL THE
25 STARBUCKS, THE FOLKS WE QUOTE/UNQUOTE PARADED DOWN HERE LAST

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1 TUESDAY, DID ONE HECK OF A JOB AND I WAS SO PROUD OF OUR
2 COUNTY FAMILY AND ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE THERE, FROM
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, D.P.S.H.,
4 SHARE, PROBATION, EVERYONE. I JUST WANT TO GIVE A BIG
5 SHOUTOUT. NORMALLY, I DON'T RESPOND TO HIM. I JUST WANTED TO
6 SAY THANK YOU.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND THANK ALL
9 THE COUNTY STAFF. THERE WAS GREAT COVERAGE, TOO, ON THE NEWS
10 THAT SHOWED A LOT OF STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY BEING
11 OFFERED POSITIONS, SOME THAT WERE GOING TO BE PROVIDING
12 SUPPORT TO THEIR FAMILIES, BECAUSE THAT WAS THE ONLY JOB THAT
13 SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY COULD GET. SO IT MEANS A LOT FOR WHAT
14 WE'RE DOING, OUR MISSION. THANK YOU. WE HAVE CANDICE FRAZIER,
15 I'M NOT SURE IF SHE'S HERE. AND WE HAD RUTH SARNOFF? AND
16 GENEVIEVE, CAN I ASK GENEVIEVE TO GO FIRST?

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
19 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. MY COMPLIMENT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
20 THAT'S THE SECOND TIME SINCE 1999 THAT A BOARD STARTED ON
21 TIME. TWICE SINCE 1999, AND YOU ARE THE FIRST ONE. MY
22 COMPLIMENTS. I HOPE YOU CONTINUE IN THAT SPIRIT. ON ABOUT BOND
23 FOR M.L.K. ON ONE HALF AND 38, IT IS APPALLING THAT WE COME
24 BACK ASKING FOR MORE MONEY FOR M.L.K. HOSPITAL. LAST YEAR WE
25 GAVE OVER \$400 MILLION TO GET IT STARTED. AND ONE YEAR LATER,

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1 IT'S \$300 MORE MILLION. THE NONPROFIT WHICH IS CALLED
2 M.L.K.L.A. IS SUPPOSED TO ALSO RAISE MONEY FOR THAT HOSPITAL.
3 I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY AMOUNT THAT HAS BEEN RAISED BY THEM. THEY
4 HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD ABOUT SPENDING THE COUNTY MONEY AND THE
5 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. BUT I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY MONEY COMING
6 IN. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FUNDRAISING THEY HAVE DONE. ON
7 ITEM 4, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR KNABE ASKED ABOUT TO HAVE A
8 COUNTY METRIC OF WHAT'S BEING DONE AND SO ON. I THINK THAT'S
9 VERY IMPORTANT, AND I'D LIKE TO SEE IT DONE. I HAVE REQUESTED,
10 ACTUALLY, FOREVER WHICH METRICS WERE USED TO SELECT AND
11 APPOINT SACHI HAMAI TO HER POSITION. I WAS NOT ASKING AN
12 AMOUNT. I WAS JUST ASKING FOR THE METRICS. AND I HAVE A RIGHT
13 TO HAVE THE COPY OF THE METRICS. THAT'S SNOWBALL PROCEEDINGS.
14 ON ITEM R-2, I THINK WE WILL GET A REPORT ON THAT? THANK YOU.
15 ON R-3, AS USUAL, DR. KATZ HAS POSTPONED THE BUDGET. YOU KNOW,
16 THAT'S HIS SPECIALTY, AND I'M GETTING VERY TIRED OF THAT.
17 ALSO, ON ITEM 33, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT
18 EMPLOYEE FROM D.C.F.S. HAVE BEEN SEEN MISREPRESENTING THE
19 FACTS, NOT TO SAY LYING. AND IT HAS HAPPENED OVER AND OVER
20 AGAIN. AND WE HAVE HAD A HUGE ISSUE WITH D.C.F.S. AND EVERY
21 TIME, OFF AND ON, THEY GET AWARDS, OF ALL THINGS, THE
22 DEPARTMENT GETS AWARDS, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO CLEAN UP THEIR
23 ACT. AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING BAD THINGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
24 AND WE CONSISTENTLY GIVE THEM TO RECEIVE AWARDS, INCLUDING
25 THIS YEAR, THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR. SHE BROUGHT FROM THE

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1 COMMISSION ON WOMEN, IT'S SOMEBODY FROM THE D.C.F.S. YOU KNOW,
2 THAT HAS TO STOP. YOU DON'T CHANGE BEHAVIOR WHEN
3 INTERMITTENTLY YOU ARE REWARDING THE BAD BEHAVIOR, AND THAT
4 HAS HAPPENED OVER AND OVER AGAIN. I KNOW THERE ARE FANTASTIC
5 EMPLOYEES AT D.C.F.S., BUT THEY NEED TO PUT PRESSURE ON THEIR
6 PEERS WHO DON'T DO THEIR JOB, TO DO THEIR JOB.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. PRENTISS, JENKINS PRENTISS?

9

10 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** YES, WHAT AGENDA ITEM ARE WE ON, FOLKS?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CALLED UP DIFFERENT ITEMS. 24,
13 33, C.S.-3, 39-A, C.S.-5 AND 33.

14

15 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** OKAY. LET'S GO WITH 24. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
16 SAY, IN REFERENCE TO THE BROWN ACT, 54954-3, SUBSECTION C, THE
17 LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A LOCAL AGENCY SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PUBLIC
18 CRITICISM OF THE --

19

20 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. THIS IS NOT
21 PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ITEM 24 RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** OKAY. I'LL DO THAT ON PUBLIC COMMENT, HOW'S
24 THAT? WE'RE DISCUSSING THREE-YEAR TERM, AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC
25 SERVICES TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD FOR

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1 A THREE-YEAR TERM TO PROVIDE WELFARE TO WORK, VOCATIONAL
2 INTERMENTARY AND DIRECT SERVICES TO THE COUNTY'S CALIFORNIA
3 WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO KIDS, CALWORKS.
4 RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK AND OTHER ELIGIBLE TRANSITIONAL
5 AID.

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO
8 COMMENT, NOT JUST TO READ THE MATTER INTO THE RECORD.

9

10 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** YES, I WANT TO KNOW, HOW MUCH MONEY WILL YOU
11 ALLOCATE TOWARDS THIS? AND IT'S GOING TO INGLEWOOD, TOO? HOW
12 MUCH MONEY IS THE SUPERVISORS GOING TO ALLOCATE TOWARDS THIS?
13 AND WHY IS IT GOING TO INGLEWOOD? COULD IT STAY IN LOS
14 ANGELES? AND IF IT STAYS IN LOS ANGELES, SHOULDN'T THERE BE A
15 CZAR OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS AS OPPOSED TO JUST SOCIAL
16 SERVICES? SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE A SOCIAL SERVICE CZAR? DON'T YOU
17 HAVE A HOMELESS CZAR? IF YOU HAVE A HOMELESS CZAR, YOU SHOULD
18 HAVE A SOCIAL SERVICE CZAR, IT SEEMS TO ME. AND FOR THE LIFE
19 OF ME, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S GOING TO INGLEWOOD, TOO. IS
20 INGLEWOOD INCORPORATED FOR LOS ANGELES? YOU KNOW, YOU CAN
21 ANSWER ME. IT'S IN GOVERNMENT CODE 54954 --

22

23 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR
24 COMMENT, NOT TO RAISE QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD. THANK YOU, SIR.

25

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1 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** IF I ASK YOU A QUESTION, THE GOVERNMENT CODE
2 SAYS YOU CAN ANSWER ME.

3

4 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, THE BOARD IS NOT OBLIGATED TO
5 RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

6

7 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** HEY, CAN ANYONE ANSWER THIS QUESTION? IS
8 INGLEWOOD --

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR
11 COMMENT.

12

13 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** OH, THERE SHE IS. I THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING
14 THAT. I THOUGHT SHE WAS THROWING HER VOICE. THAT'S PRETTY
15 GOOD. OKAY. YOU'RE THE ONE.

16

17 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC AT THIS POINT.

18

19 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** I'M OFF TOPIC? OKAY, FOLKS, SO NO ONE IS
20 GOING TO ANSWER THAT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. RUTH SARNOFF?

23

24 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I'M ACTUALLY CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT I
25 MAY SPEAK ON AT THIS TIME. I PARTICULARLY, I SIGNED UP FOR R-

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1 1, R-2, R-3. I KNOW SOME HAVE BEEN PUSHED FORWARD. BUT THE
2 ONE, I THINK R-3, BECAUSE IT IS PUSHED TO MARCH 15TH, WHEN I
3 WILL BE OUT OF TOWN. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENT ON
4 THAT, IF I MAY, DURING THIS PERIOD. AND I WILL STAY ON
5 COMMENT.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, YOU CAN DO
8 THAT.

9

10 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I DON'T WANT TO SPEND PUBLIC COMMENT, BECAUSE I
11 HAVE ANOTHER VERY DIRE ISSUE TO RAISE AT THAT TIME. SO I'M
12 ASKING, IF YOU WOULD..

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, USE YOUR TIME.

15

16 **RUTH SARNOFF:** ..PERMIT ME TO SPEAK ON THIS ONE ITEM.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEMS THAT YOU PULLED WERE 1-F AND
19 ITEM 38.

20

21 **RUTH SARNOFF:** 1-F AND 3-D?

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 3-8.

24

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1 **RUTH SARNOFF:** THAT'S THE ONLY TWO THINGS I CAN SPEAK ON RIGHT
2 NOW?

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

5

6 **RUTH SARNOFF:** BUT YOU WILL CALL SOME OF THESE LATER? THESE
7 ITEMS?

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, WE WILL. YES, WE WILL.

10

11 **RUTH SARNOFF:** YOU WILL CALL THEM LATER. OKAY.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LOSE OUT.

14

15 **RUTH SARNOFF:** WILL YOU REFRESH ME ON WHAT ITEMS 1-D AND WHAT
16 WAS THE OTHER ONE? I'M SORRY. I'VE BEEN SPENDING MY DAYS
17 TEACHING PEOPLE HOW TO CAUCUS IN NEVADA AND BEEN GONE FOR
18 THREE WEEKENDS IN A ROW. AND I AM KIND OF BUSHED WITH TIME,
19 AND SO I'M SORRY THAT I COME SOMEWHAT..

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **RUTH SARNOFF:** ..UNPREPARED. OKAY? I JUST THINK THAT WHEN
24 THERE'S A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S BEING PASSED AND BEING
25 TRANSFERRED AND BEING APPROVED, THAT IF THIS IS A -- SOMETHING

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1 THAT WAS IN ADDITION, LIKE THAT WAS A TAG-ON AMOUNT, IT WOULD
2 BE GOOD TO KNOW IF THE COST OF BUILDING THINGS IS RISING A LOT
3 FROM THE TIME WE'RE GIVEN BIDS ON IT TO THE TIME IT'S ACTUALLY
4 COMPLETED. AND SO, THAT'S MY CONCERN WITH THAT. AND WHAT ELSE
5 WAS THE OTHER ITEM I ALSO WAS SIGNED UP FOR?

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM 38, WHICH IS RELATED TO ITEM YOU JUST
8 SPOKE ON.

9

10 **RUTH SARNOFF:** IT'S RELATED TO SOMETHING THAT'S COMING UP
11 LATER. WILL THAT ITEM BE CALLED?

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
14 AT THAT TIME. PUBLIC COMMENT.

15

16 **RUTH SARNOFF:** OKAY. I JUST -- OKAY. AND R-3 WILL DEFINITELY BE
17 CALLED, RIGHT? YES. THANK YOU. WE'VE GOT A COUPLE SECONDS
18 THERE. THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS. THESE ITEMS ARE
21 BEFORE US.

22

23 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEMS 1-F, 1, 3, 4,
24 7, 15, 17, 23, 24, 27, 28, 32, 33 AND 38 ARE BEFORE YOU. BUT
25 ON 14 AND 37, NOTE THE SECTIONS DEALING WITH THE PROBATION

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1 DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 1ST, AND ON 39-
2 A, SUPERVISOR KNABE ABSTAINS.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY
5 SOLIS. THAT IS THE 3-1 VOTE RECORDED ON THAT ONE ITEM THAT
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE WISHES TO BE REGISTERED AS A NO. AND THE
7 ABSTENTION AND THE REMAINDER WILL BE APPROVED. SUCH WILL BE
8 THE ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS, IF WE CAN GO QUICKLY, I'D LIKE TO GO
9 TO THE SHERIFF, BECAUSE THEY'VE INDICATED THEY WANT TO MOVE
10 QUICKLY. THAT'S THE SHERIFF ON ITEM -- WE'RE LOOKING AT R-1,
11 39-C. IT'S THE SHERIFF AND O.I.G. THAT'S R-1. I BELIEVE THEY
12 HAVE A PRESENTATION. SHERIFF? YES. TERRI?

13

14 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. HAPPY TUESDAY.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HAPPY TUESDAY.

17

18 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** HAPPY TUESDAY. TERRI MCDONALD,
19 ASSISTANT SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. GOOD AFTERNOON,
20 SUPERVISORS. THIS IS OUR PRESENTATION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER
21 FOR THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE. WE'RE GOING TO
22 COVER THE AREAS THAT ARE STILL OUTSTANDING. SO THE FIRST
23 OUTSTANDING ITEM, THESE ARE PRIMARILY I.T. ISSUES,
24 COMPREHENSIVE DATA TRACKING SYSTEM. IT'S TO DEVELOP A DATA
25 TRACKING SYSTEM ON KIND OF EMPLOYEE OUTCOMES. IT REPLACES THE

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1 P.P.I. THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT QUITE A BIT AND PROVIDES AN
2 EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. IT IS ON TARGET FOR DECEMBER OF 2016.
3 BODY SCANNERS, THERE'S BEEN MUCH INTEREST FROM THE BOARD ON
4 THE STATUS OF BODY SCANNERS. WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
5 THEM. WE'RE GETTING READY TO INSTALL ANOTHER BODY SCANNER AT
6 C.R.D.F. WE PUT THE TWO OUT AT SOUTH SINCE WE LAST MET. AND
7 WE'RE DOING CONSTRUCTION. ONE OF THE BARRIERS HAS BEEN JUST
8 DELAY OF CONSTRUCTION AND THE TIMEFRAME IN WHICH WE WANT TO DO
9 IT. YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE OVER TIME THAT WHEN YOU
10 HAVE COMPLICATED CONSTRUCTION PLANS, IT DELAYS STUFF. SO SOME
11 OF OUR DESIRE TO GET SOME OF THESE BODY SCANNERS DONE QUICKER
12 HAS BEEN SLOWED DOWN. AND I COULD ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
13 THAT IF YOU'D LIKE. C.C.T.F., IT NOW IN PLACE AT C.R.D.F. WE
14 EXPECT IT TO BE ABLE TO GO LIVE TO REVIEW BY MARCH 1ST. AND
15 N.C.C.F., WE'RE STARTING TO INSTALL THE CAMERAS. THEY SHOULD
16 BE INSTALLED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THAT DOES NOT NECESSARILY
17 MEAN THAT ALL THE I.T. SYSTEMS ARE IN PLACE TO DOWNLOAD
18 INFORMATION. BUT THANK YOU TO THE EXPEDITING THE CAMERAS.
19 WE'VE MOVED AHEAD AND GOING FASTER THAN WE HAD BEFORE. HIRING?
20 PHASE 2 HIRING IS PRETTY MUCH ALMOST ALL DONE. WE STILL HAVE
21 KIND OF STRUGGLED WITH THE AUDITORS FOR THE A.A.B., WHICH USED
22 TO BE CALLED THE IMPACT. IT'S THE AUDITING BRANCH. ON 4.11
23 STAFF ALLOCATIONS, THAT'S JUST LOOKING AT OUR STAFFING MATRIX
24 IN THE JAILS, AND 6.3 CUSTODY TRAINING. AS FAR AS I'M
25 CONCERNED, THIS IS JUST NORMAL HIRING AND RETENTION ISSUES.

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1 THESE SHOULD BE CLOSED, BECAUSE ONE POSITION NOT BEING FILLED
2 I DON'T KNOW WARRANTS A COMING BACK. THE A.A.B.4.12, THAT ONE
3 I THINK WE SHOULD REPORT BACK ON, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THOSE
4 FILLED YET. THE PHASE 3 HIRING, IF YOU REMEMBER FROM LAST TIME
5 AND FROM PRIOR CONVERSATIONS, SOME OF THAT HIRING THAT THE
6 BOARD APPROVED INITIALLY WE HAVE DEFERRED BECAUSE THE OVERALL
7 GROWTH WITHIN THE JAIL SYSTEM AND WE'RE HAVING DIFFICULTY
8 GETTING PEOPLE HIRED FAST ENOUGH WITH ALL THE POSITION GROWTH.
9 SO WE DEFERRED THE A.A.B., WHICH AS A WAY OF REMINDER, THAT'S
10 THE OLD IMPACT AUDITING UNIT, I.A.B. AND I.C.I.B., THAT'S
11 INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL CRIMINAL. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT'S
12 9 POSITIONS FOR I.A.B. AND 13 POSITIONS FOR I.C.I.B. THE
13 C.C.T.V. EXPANSION, WE'RE IN THE PROCESS NOW OF HIRING AND
14 GETTING THOSE READY TO GO. SO I THINK WE'RE FINE THERE. AND AS
15 WELL AS CUSTODY TRAINING. SO, REALLY, THE HIRING ISSUES,
16 AGAIN, TO RECAP IS 4.12 A.A.B. AND THEN THE TWO THAT ARE
17 DEFERRED UNTIL WE CAN GET SOME OF THIS VACANCY ISSUES WITHIN
18 THE DEPUTY SHERIFF RANKS RESOLVED. TRAINING, I THINK IN LARGE
19 PART MOST OF THE C.C.J.V. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN
20 COMPLIED WITH. I THINK WE NEED TO START TO BEGIN TO TALK ABOUT
21 PIVOTING FROM THE C.C.J.V. RECOMMENDATIONS TO MORE OF THE
22 D.O.J. ROSAS LITIGATION TRAINING, BECAUSE THE C.C.J.V. ARE
23 LARGELY DONE AND THEY'VE BEEN KIND OF ABSORBED THROUGH THE
24 FEDERAL CLASS ACTION LITIGATION. GRIEVANCES, I'M HAPPY TO
25 REPORT, AFTER MUCH WORRY AND STRAIN, I FEEL LIKE GRIEVANCES

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1 ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE BOARD HAD AUTHORIZED
2 SOME GRIEVANCE STAFF. AND SO WE'VE DONE QUITE A BIT OF WORK
3 AND KIND OF CLEANING UP BACKLOGS. WE HAVE SOME WORK TO DO IN
4 THE MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU, BUT ALL IN ALL, WE'VE GOT A
5 BETTER HANDLE ON GRIEVANCES. WE SUBMITTED THE NEW GRIEVANCE
6 POLICY TO THE ROSAS MONITORS AND, AS WELL, TO THE O.I.G. FOR
7 THE MOST PART, NO BIG ISSUES THERE. IT'S MOSTLY JUST
8 CLARIFYING QUESTIONS AND THEN SUBMITTING THAT. AND THEN WE ARE
9 CONTINUING TO EXPAND OUT THE USE OF A TABLET SYSTEM WHEREIN
10 THE INMATES, RATHER THAN HAVING TO FILL OUT A PAPER GRIEVANCE,
11 THEY CAN DO IT RIGHT INSIDE OF THEIR HOUSING UNITS. AND SO THE
12 GRIEVANCE AREA THAT'S CAUSED ME SUCH CONCERN, I THINK WE'RE
13 WELL ON OUR WAY TO BEING A BETTER PLACE IN THE LONG RUN.
14 FORCE. FORCE IS AN AREA THAT HAS ME CONCERNED. 2015, YOU CAN
15 SEE FORCE IS UP ALMOST A THIRD FROM 2014. I CONTINUE TO
16 BELIEVE THAT IT IS PRIMARILY PEOPLE REPORTING FORCE BETTER. WE
17 HAD TO OPEN SOME INVESTIGATIONS ON SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS ON
18 FAILURE TO REPORT MINOR FORCE. AND I THINK IT'S GOT PEOPLE'S
19 UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WANT EVERY TIME THAT YOU TOUCH AN INMATE
20 UNRESISTED, EVEN IF NO COMPLAINTS, NO INJURIES, YOU MUST DO
21 DOCUMENTATION. AND SO I THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT'S DRIVING THIS.
22 UNNECESSARY FORCE, EXCESSIVE FORCE IS TRENDING. LESS THAN 1
23 PERCENT OF THE CASES OF FORCE WE'RE FINDING ARE PROBLEMATIC.
24 BUT THE OVERALL GROWTH OVER LAST YEAR IS A CONCERN. WE
25 CONTINUE TO LOOK AT IT. WE LOOK AT IT ABOUT EVERY DIFFERENT

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1 WAY THAT WE CAN. AND IT TENDS TO BE, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER,
2 THAT KIND OF RESISTED FORCE. IT HAS GROWN AT C.R.D.F., MEN'S
3 CENTRAL JAIL, I.R.C. IS THE GROWTH PLACE FOR FORCE. NO SERIOUS
4 INJURIES REALLY IN 2015. THIS CHART CONTINUES TO SHOW THAT
5 BEFORE THE C.C.J.V. REFORMS, YOU'VE GOT THE YELLOW AND GREEN.
6 OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE FORCE INCIDENTS RESULTED IN INMATE
7 BEING SERIOUSLY HURT, AND NOW IT IS VERY RARE. THE RED IS
8 CATEGORY 2 AND 3. I DO NOT WANT YOU TO THINK THAT INMATES ARE
9 SERIOUSLY HURT IN THAT. IT'S JUST THE WAY IN WHICH WE IDENTIFY
10 IT. I THINK IN 2015 WE MAYBE HAD 3 OR 4 INCIDENTS WITH AN
11 INMATE INJURY, ORBITAL INJURY, FACIAL FRACTURE, AND THAT WAS
12 GENERALLY FROM AN IMPACT MUNITION DURING A DORM RIOT VERSUS A
13 STAFF USE OF FORCE. SO THOSE ARE THE KIND OF OVERLYING ISSUES
14 WITH C.C.J.V. WE CAN EITHER PASS THEM ON TO MY COLLEAGUE MR.
15 HUNTSMAN OR OPEN IT FOR QUESTIONS.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL PASS IT ON TO MR. HUNTSMAN, AND
18 WE'LL OPEN IT UP.

19

20 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I JUST WANTED TO ECHO WHAT ASSISTANT SHERIFF
21 MCDONALD SAID ABOUT PIVOTING, BECAUSE NOW THE ROSAS AND OTHER
22 CASES ARE MORE IMPORTANT, I THINK, TO THE BOARD IN TERMS OF
23 MONITORING COMPLIANCE THAN THE C.C.J.V. WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS.
24 OBVIOUSLY, AS YOU SAW, THE PHASE 3 HIRING DELAY, I WISH WE
25 WERE NOT DOING AND IT'S MY RECOMMENDATION TO THE DEPARTMENT

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1 AND THE BOARD TO GO AHEAD AND DO THAT PHASE 3 HIRING AT THIS
2 TIME. BUT OTHER THAN THAT, I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS
3 ABOUT THE REPORT. I HAVE KATIE BELTS HERE, WHO HANDLES CUSTODY
4 MATTERS, IF ANYBODY HAS ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL OPEN IT UP. I DO HAVE SOME
7 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS. I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR THE
8 REPORT THAT YOU PRESENTED AND ALSO WANT TO JUST MENTION THAT
9 THE REPORTS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME, AS WE KNOW. AND
10 I THINK WHAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAN BE HELPFUL FOR ALL OF
11 US, PARTICULARLY SOME OF THE NEWER MEMBERS, IS TO THINK ABOUT
12 STREAMLINING INFORMATION WHEN WE'RE GETTING DATA OVERALL,
13 COLLECTING IT AND THE WAY REPORTS COME IN. THAT, TO ME, IS
14 VERY IMPORTANT. IN FACT, THE MOTION THAT I'VE INTRODUCED TODAY
15 WOULD ASK THAT THE C.E.O., IN COOPERATION WITH MARK DELGADO,
16 TO TAKE A HOLISTIC VIEW AT PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTING. AND I
17 THINK THAT THAT COULD BE VERY HELPFUL AS WE MOVE AHEAD ON THIS
18 WHOLE ISSUE OF SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT. WHILE WE'RE AT IT, I
19 ALSO BELIEVE IT MIGHT MAKE SENSE FOR THE COUNTY TO UPDATE ITS
20 KNOWLEDGE OF BEST PRACTICES, FROM THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS THE
21 PRIVATE SECTOR. AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP TO GUIDE AND INFORM
22 US, AS WELL. TO OUR C.E.O., I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I
23 COMMUNICATE THAT I HOPE THAT ALL THE RESEARCH THAT WE GATHER
24 INCLUDES INPUT FROM ALL OF OUR COLLEAGUES. AND THAT'S GOING TO
25 BE ESSENTIAL, I THINK, FOR ALL OF US. AND LASTLY, I JUST WANT

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1 TO UNDERScore THAT CHANGING THE FORMAT AND FREQUENCY OF THE
2 REPORTS IN NO WAY SHOULD DIMINISH THE IMPORTANCE OF INSURING
3 THAT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE C.C.J.V. ARE FULLY
4 IMPLEMENTED. I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR. I KNOW THAT
5 SUPERVISOR ALSO HAS AN AMENDMENT THAT'S ALREADY BEEN READ IN.
6 AND THAT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO
7 THIS. AND JUST QUESTIONS THAT I DO HAVE FOR BOTH OF YOU IS I'D
8 LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU HOW THE DATA SHARING PROCESS HAS BEEN
9 WORKING BETWEEN YOU THAT WE APPROVED THROUGH THE M.O.A.

10

11 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** IN GENERAL, IT'S WORKING VERY, VERY WELL. WE'VE
12 MADE MANY REQUESTS. FOR THE MOST PART WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE
13 INFORMATION WE ASKED FOR. ALSO, I CAN SAY THAT IT'S BEEN VERY
14 EFFECTIVE AS A RESULT OF NOW HAVING ACCESS. I REALLY FEEL LIKE
15 MY OFFICE AND ME IN PARTICULAR ARE ABLE TO ENGAGE THE
16 DEPARTMENT IN A MUCH MORE INTELLIGENT LEVEL, BECAUSE WE HAVE
17 FULL ACCESS AND CAN DISCUSS DETAILS. THERE ARE -- WE'VE HAD
18 INSTANCES WHERE WE HAD SOME BUMPS ALONG THE ROAD. AND IN EVERY
19 TIME WHEN WE'VE GONE UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, ULTIMATELY
20 THEY'VE BEEN RESOLVED IN A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY AND
21 I'VE BEEN VERY HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS. THERE ARE SOME BUMPS
22 ONGOING THAT HAVEN'T BEEN RESOLVED YET, BUT I'M OPTIMISTIC
23 THAT THEY'LL BE RESOLVED IN THE SAME WAY AS ALL THE OTHERS SO
24 FAR. SO THAT'S SORT OF WHERE WE'RE AT AT THE MOMENT. AND IT'S
25 BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO LOOK AT THE QUARTERLY

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1 DISCIPLINE REPORTS AND MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THEM. I'VE
2 BEEN ABLE TO DIVE INTO SOME DISCIPLINARY CASES AND TALK TO
3 PEOPLE ABOUT THEM AND MONITOR MORE EFFECTIVELY ONGOING
4 CRITICAL INCIDENTS, SUCH AS THE ESCAPE FROM THE JAILS AND
5 WHATNOT. WE WERE INVOLVED IN TALKING ABOUT THAT INCIDENT. SO
6 IT'S BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE, AND I THINK THAT'S GOING VERY WELL.

7

8 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** I WOULD ECHO WHAT MR. HUNTSMAN SAID.
9 THERE ARE ISSUES IN WHICH OUR STAFF DON'T NECESSARILY
10 UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE ALLOWED TO GIVE OR NOT GIVE. I THINK
11 THEY'VE BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN ELEVATING THE ISSUE UP THE
12 CHAIN SO WE CAN GET IT RESOLVED. SO I FEEL IT'S BEEN A SENSE
13 OF FAIR PLAY AND TRANSPARENCY.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, AM I TO UNDERSTAND WE DON'T HAVE ANY
16 IMPEDIMENTS RIGHT NOW IN TERMS OF ISSUING REPORTS FROM THE
17 I.G.'S PERSPECTIVE WITH GATHERING ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU'RE
18 NEEDING?

19

20 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** ANY ASSISTING WITH ANY OF THAT? NO. LIKE I SAID,
21 THERE ARE SOME ISSUES GOING ON. BUT THEY ARE ALL ONES THAT I'M
22 OPTIMISTIC AS WE WORK UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND THAT WE WILL GET
23 THEM RESOLVED IN OUR FAVOR. WHEN WE GET TO LOGGER HEADS ON
24 SOMETHING, BY ALL MEANS WE'LL ADDRESS THAT. WE HAVE A REPORT
25 DUE TO THE BOARD SHORTLY. I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE COMING BACK

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1 WITH THE C.E.O.'S REPORT REGARDING THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION.
2 AND WE'LL GET TO IT THE BOARD BEFORE THEN FOR REVIEW OF THIS
3 ISSUE. AND THEN AT THAT POINT, WE'LL BE PRESENTING IT, I
4 THINK. AND I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE COMPLETE AT THAT TIME. BUT
5 SORT OF WHERE WE ARE SO FAR HAS BEEN VERY, VERY PROMISING.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALSO FOR THE SHERIFF, I JUST
8 WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT FOR PROJECTED DEADLINES, PHASE 2 AND 3
9 OF THE BODY SCANNER, WHEN YOU COME BACK WITH YOUR NEXT REPORT,
10 IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE HAD SOME DEADLINES AS TO WHEN THIS
11 IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED, FULLY IMPLEMENTED. THAT WOULD BE
12 HELPFUL. I MEAN, I REALIZE THAT YOU'RE WORKING ON IT AND THERE
13 ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE OUT OF YOUR CONTROL. BUT IT WOULD BE
14 NICE TO AT LEAST HAVE THOSE PROJECTIONS.

15

16 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** SURE. AND WE ALSO RECEIVED THE
17 CONSULTANT REPORT ON PHASE 3. BECAUSE THERE WAS PHASE 1, PHASE
18 2 AND PHASE 3, AND THEY MADE SOME ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS
19 SO WE'LL PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER IN THE NEXT REPORT.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. AND LASTLY, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I
22 STILL REMAIN A BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF FORCE IN THE
23 JAILS OVERALL. AND I REALLY DO THINK THAT AT SOME POINT IT
24 WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GET A BETTER SENSE OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO
25 TO REMEDY THAT. I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN PLAY.

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1 BUT NONETHELESS, IT IS, I THINK, A CONCERN TO SOME OF US ON
2 THE BOARD, AT LEAST THIS BOARD MEMBER. I KNOW I SPEAK FOR
3 MYSELF, YEAH.

4

5 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** I WOULD LIKE TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE,
6 THOUGH. I THINK I HAD MENTIONED LAST TIME I WAS HERE, COOK
7 COUNTY HAS HALF THE NUMBER OF INMATES WE'VE HAD. THEY'VE HAD
8 ROUGHLY 1,400 USES OF FORCE. RIKERS ISLAND HAS HALF THE NUMBER
9 OF INMATES WE HAD, AND THEY'D HAD 5,000. SO, THE NUMBERS
10 CONCERN ME, BUT NUMBERS ALONE ARE NOT -- THEY DON'T CONCERN ME
11 AS MUCH AS ARE THE STAFF TRYING TO DEESCALATE. YOU KNOW, THE
12 DIVERT TRAINING, I'M HOPEFUL THAT DRIVES IT DOWN. ARE WE
13 CALLING SUPERVISORS AND TRYING TO MINIMIZE? AND IS THE FORCE
14 THE MINIMUM AMOUNT WE NEED AS NECESSARY? I HONESTLY THINK A
15 LOT OF THIS IS JUST REPORTING ISSUES. I DON'T DISAGREE WITH
16 YOU AND I SHARE YOUR CONCERN, BUT I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HERE
17 TODAY WITHOUT PUTTING SOME PERSPECTIVE THAT WE'RE STILL WELL
18 BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR JAILS ON USE OF FORCE PER 1,000
19 INMATES FOR LARGE SYSTEMS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. TO UNDERSHERIFF
2 MCDONALD, THIS LAST CHART THAT YOU SHOWED US, I'D LIKE TO
3 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BEIGE TOWER OR WHATEVER, WHAT THE BAR IS
4 THAT IS SORT OF THE BEIGE COLOR, IT SAYS CATEGORY 1. WHAT KIND
5 OF USE OF FORCE DOES THAT REPRESENT?

6

7 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** SO, DOWN AT THE BOTTOM, CATEGORY 1,
8 IT'LL SHOW YOU RIGHT THERE. CATEGORY 1 IS KIND OF THE MR.
9 HUNTSMAN IS RESISTING WALKING FORWARD AND I PUT MY HAND AND
10 GUIDE HIM, OR THERE ARE TWO INMATES FIGHTING AND I PEPPER
11 SPRAY, NO INJURY. SO NO INMATE'S BEEN INJURED. NO ALLEGATION
12 OF EXCESSIVE FORCE, AND REALLY MINOR FORCE, THAT'S CATEGORY 1.
13 CATEGORY 2, THERE MAY BE NO INJURY, BUT THERE COULD BE AN
14 ALLEGATION OF FORCE OR A TASER. CATEGORY 3 IS SOMEBODY WAS
15 INJURED. SIGNIFICANTLY. AND THAT'S GENERALLY AN ORBITAL
16 FRACTURE, A HAND FRACTURE, THOSE KIND OF INJURIES.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO 2 AND 3 ARE COMBINED FOR THIS CHART?
19 THERE HAS BEEN SOME GROWTH, OR THERE WAS LAST YEAR. THERE HAS
20 BEEN SOME GROWTH. AND I BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT YOU THOUGHT
21 THERE WAS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE REPORTING GOING ON. BUT I WONDER
22 IF YOU COULD TELL US WHAT YOU ARE DOING, ESSENTIALLY, BECAUSE
23 IT SEEMS TO BE KIND OF AN ALARMING GROWTH IN 2015.

24

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1 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** YEAH. SO, WHAT WE'RE DOING IS THE
2 CHIEF'S REVIEW FORCE EVERY SINGLE DAY. EVERY SINGLE DAY. I
3 REVIEW FORCE ONCE A WEEK TO LOOK TO SEE, WAS THE FORCE WAS
4 NECESSARY, APPROPRIATE. WE'VE DONE THE DIVERT TRAINING,
5 BECAUSE PART OF THIS, YOU WANT TO TEACH PEOPLE TO USE VERBAL
6 RESOLUTION SKILLS RATHER THAN PHYSICAL RESOLUTION SKILLS,
7 RIGHT? SO WE'RE DOING THE DIVERT TRAINING. WE'VE GOT ABOUT 500
8 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN TRAINED. WE DO A MANAGEMENT REVIEW. I'VE
9 DONE THREE OR FOUR IN THE LAST YEAR TRYING TO DEEP DIVE INTO
10 INDIVIDUAL JAILS. IS IT A PARTICULAR EMPLOYEE THAT'S USING A
11 LOT OF FORCE? IS IT A PARTICULAR INMATE THAT WE'RE USING A LOT
12 OF FORCE AGAINST? IS IT A PARTICULAR SHIFT, WATCH, TIME? WHAT
13 ARE THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE POPULATION? WE TRY TO DISSECT IT
14 IN EVERY WAY THAT WE CAN, TRYING TO FIND A TREND, BECAUSE IF
15 YOU CAN FIND A TREND, YOU CAN FIND A SOLUTION, RIGHT? THERE'S
16 NOT BEEN AN AREA IN WHICH I THOUGHT, OH, MY GOODNESS, THAT'S A
17 REAL AREA. WE STARTED PUSHING INMATES OUT OF THE RECEPTION
18 CENTER FASTER, BECAUSE THE CLINIC AREA IN THE RECEPTION CENTER
19 IS AN AREA OF HIGH FORCE. SO I MADE THEM REPORT TO ME EVERY
20 MORNING EVERYBODY THAT'S BEEN IN THERE MORE THAN 16 HOURS. IT
21 USED TO BE 24 HOURS. AND IF WE CAN GET MORE DOCTORS, WE'LL GET
22 IT TO 8 HOURS. SO THOSE ARE EXAMPLES OF WAYS IN WHICH WE'RE
23 TRYING TO REDUCE IT. IT HAS MADE -- THE NUMBER GROWTH HAS ME
24 AS CONCERNED AS IT DOES YOU, LEGITIMATELY. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT
25 TO ALSO POINT OUT THAT WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THE FORCE, THAT

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1 IT'S NOT UNNECESSARY OR EXCESSIVE FORCE, BECAUSE THERE'S NOT A
2 BIG GROWTH IN DISCIPLINE AGAINST EMPLOYEES. IT'S JUST THE
3 NUMBERS ARE GROWING.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK IT'S SIGNIFICANTLY GOOD TO
6 SEE THE SHRINKING NUMBERS OF SERIOUS OR INJURIOUS INCIDENTS,
7 BUT THE ENORMOUS GROWTH, REALLY, IN LESS SERIOUS, NON-
8 INJURIOUS INCIDENTS. I THINK WE ALL UNDERSTAND ONE HAS TO TAKE
9 HOLD OF SOMEONE SOMETIMES OR PERHAPS PEPPER SPRAY. BUT I THINK
10 IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO KNOW AS WE WENT ALONG HOW YOU'RE
11 PROGRESSING ON HELPING TO DEAL WITH THIS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH.

12

13 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** SURE, SURE. SUPERVISOR, I THINK YOU
14 CAPTURED WHAT I WAS FEELING, BECAUSE WHEN I SAW THAT BAR, IT
15 IS AMAZINGLY HIGH. IT'S THE HIGHEST. AND OBVIOUSLY WHEN YOU
16 READ THE FOOTNOTE, IT SAYS SIGNIFICANT FORCE CLASSIFIED AS USE
17 OF FORCE RESULTING IN INJURY OR COMPLAINT OF PAIN. SO I GUESS
18 BEING MORE DESCRIPTIVE OF ABOUT WHAT THAT IS WOULD BE HELPFUL
19 IN HOW THAT OCCURS.

20

21 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** YEAH, WHAT WE CAN DO NEXT TIME IS KIND
22 OF SHOW YOU WHERE WE HAD THE GROWTH AREAS AND THEN SHOW YOU
23 WHAT THAT CATEGORY 2 AND 3 IS, BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY THE AREA
24 WHERE INMATES ARE COMPLAINING. AND THEN, WHAT ARE WE USING
25 FORCE FOR? IS IT RESCUE FORCE AND FIGHTS? IS IT CELL

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1 EXTRACTIONS? WE CAN DO ALL OF THAT. WE COULD, LIKE CELL
2 EXTRACTION, 95 PERCENT OF ALL CELL EXTRACTIONS ARE RESOLVED
3 WITH NO FORCE, RIGHT? BUT WE CAN DEEP DIVE ON THOSE FOR YOU.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
6 THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S INTERESTING
9 THAT WE'RE ALL LOCKING ONTO THE SAME THING. I HAVE A NOTE HERE
10 TO POSE A QUESTION, WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR THE INCREASED
11 INCIDENCE OF FORCE IN JAILS? AND I SUSPECT THAT'S ESSENTIALLY
12 WHAT YOU'VE ADDRESSED PURSUANT TO THE CHAIR'S CONCERN AND
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S CONCERN, AS WELL. I DO THINK IT WARRANTS
14 FURTHER SCRUTINY AND CLARIFICATION AS WE CONTINUE, ASSISTANT
15 SHERIFF MCDONALD. THE THING THAT DID PICQUE MY CURIOSITY IS
16 YOUR EXAMPLE WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT GUIDING MR. HUNTSMAN.
17 ANY TIME YOU WISH TO DO THAT IS QUITE OKAY WITH ME. THANK YOU
18 SO MUCH.

19

20 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** HOPEFULLY THE LOWER CATEGORY, NOT THE HIGHER
21 CATEGORY.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ESCALATE, MADAME CHAIR. ESCALATE.

24 [LAUGHTER.]

25

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE. SUPERVISOR KNABE PASSES.
2 OKAY. WE DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** IF I MAY, MADAME SUPERVISOR. THIS, I
5 SUSPECT, WILL BE MY LAST PRESENTATION IN FRONT OF C.C.J.V. IN
6 FRONT OF THE BOARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE PREVIOUS BOARD
7 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR COMMITMENT, EVEN YOUR CHALLENGING
8 QUESTIONS, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL BETTER FOR IT. SO ON BEHALF OF MY
9 TEAM AND MYSELF, THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE FOR US
10 SINCE I'VE GOTTEN HERE.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY MANY OF
13 US. AND IT'S BEEN A JOY FOR SOME OF US PERSONALLY TO WORK WITH
14 YOU AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE PROFESSIONAL AT YOUR TOP. BEST
15 WISHES TO YOU.

16

17 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S THE BEST THING THAT HAPPENED IN TERMS
20 OF AN APPOINTMENT PURSUANT TO THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION'S
21 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I THINK IT HAS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
22 ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD HAS DONE AN EXEMPLARY JOB ON QUITE
23 A NUMBER OF WAYS. AND THE ADVANCES AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT
24 HAVE BEEN MADE ARE IN NO SMALL MEASURE ATTRIBUTABLE TO HER
25 EXPERIENCE, HER COMMITMENT, HER INTELLECT. SHE'S EDUCATED

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1 QUITE A NUMBER OF US ON THE RANGE OF THESE ISSUES, AND WE ARE
2 BETTER FOR IT. AND IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LEAVING US, MADAME,
3 THINK AGAIN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WANT TO ADD MY GRATITUDE. WE HAVE A LOT
6 OF BIG IDEAS UP HERE. AND WE KIND OF ACT LIKE CAPTAIN JEAN-LUC
7 PICARD, YOU KNOW, MAKE IT SO. AND THEN JUST WAIT AROUND AND
8 HOPE THAT SOMEBODY WILL. AND IT ALL RELATES, REALLY, TO WHO'S
9 ASSIGNED THE JOB. I PERSONALLY FEEL THAT THE WORK THAT YOU
10 HAVE PUT IN IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF
11 EVERYBODY, REALLY, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH YOU
12 AND FOR YOU, SHERIFFS, THE BOARD, I THINK MOST ESPECIALLY THE
13 INMATES, WHO STILL THINK EVERYTHING'S A RAW DEAL, AND HALF THE
14 TIME, OF COURSE, IT IS, BUT I'VE SEEN SOME REAL IMPROVEMENT.
15 AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WORK AND HOPE THAT WHEREVER
16 YOU'RE GOING, YOU'LL BE EVEN HAPPIER. SO THANKS, TERRY.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST WANT TO ADD THE SAME. IT'S BEEN A
19 PLEASURE.

20

21 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** I WASN'T LOOKING FOR THIS. [LAUGHTER.]

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YOU GOT IT, YOU GOT IT. BUT I PERSONALLY
2 FEEL THAT WE WOULD NOT BE WHERE WE ARE INSIDE THE JAILS TODAY
3 AND THE IMPROVEMENTS WE MADE AND THE STRUGGLES WE CONTINUE
4 WITH WITHOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP. YOU'RE JUST AN INTEGRAL PART OF
5 THIS WHOLE PROCESS AND WILLINGNESS AND THE COMMUNICATION WITH
6 BOARD MEMBERS, BOTH PREVIOUS AS WELL AS NOW, HAS BEEN
7 EXEMPLARY. SO I WISH YOU GOD'S SPEED AND GOOD HEALTH.

8

9 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** THANK YOU AGAIN.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS IS FOR THE PUBLIC'S
12 INFORMATION. WE'RE GOING THE TAKE UP THIS ITEM R-1 AND 39-C.
13 THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE ITEM WILL BE GIVEN A SET TIME TO
14 ADDRESS THESE ITEMS TOGETHER. AND WE DO HAVE SOME WITNESSES
15 THAT I'LL CALL UP. WE HAVE ERIC PREVEN, JOSEPH MAIZLISH,
16 ARNOLD SACHS, PRENTISS JENKINS, RUTH SARNOFF, YVONNE AUTRY,
17 AND SHELIA WARD.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
20 DISTRICT. AND IT'S TOUGH TO DO ALL THE ITEMS YOU MENTIONED IN
21 JUST TWO MINUTES, BUT I WILL DO MY BEST. FIRST OF ALL, THE
22 IDEA THAT A TASER, USE OF A TASER IS A CATEGORY 2, IT DOESN'T
23 SAY IT ON THAT CHART. I'VE ASKED REPEATEDLY, AND I THINK
24 THAT'S INACCURATE. I THINK YOU NEED TO LOOK CLOSER. A CATEGORY
25 2 IS A LIGHTER, THOSE ARE THE LIGHTER PROBLEMS. 50,000 VOLTS

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1 INTO A HUMAN IS NOT LIGHT, OKAY? IT IS A VERY SERIOUS TOOL,
2 OKAY? SO PLEASE LOOK AT THAT VERY CLOSELY. I APPRECIATE YOUR
3 ASKING THE C.E.O. TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY
4 REPORTING. LET'S MAKE SURE THAT THAT COMES BACK VERY QUICKLY
5 AND THAT THIS KIND OF A REPORT IS VERY CLEAR. THESE REPORTS
6 ARE DIZZYINGLY CONFUSING TO ORDINARY RESIDENTS, AND WE ARE
7 TRYING REALLY TO UNDERSTAND. REGARDING THE SCANNERS, I HAVE
8 REPEATEDLY OFFLOADED TO THIS GROUP THAT THE SCANNERS ARE
9 SILLY, COST-PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE, A, THEY COST A FORTUNE; B,
10 THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE JAIL DO NOT GET SCANNED, SO
11 OBVIOUSLY THE CONTRABAND IS COMING IN A DIFFERENT MANNER. WE
12 NEED DOGS -- PARDON THE EXPRESSION, SUPERVISORS -- WE NEED
13 DOGS TO SNIFF PEOPLE GOING IN AND OUT OF THE JAIL, AND THEN
14 EVERYBODY WILL BE CLEAN, IF I MAY. THE IDEA THAT THE CASELOAD
15 FOR I.A.B. AND I.C.B., WHICH IS APPARENTLY A VAST AND
16 DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH CASELOAD, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HIRE THE
17 NINE OR TEN OR 13 ITEMS BECAUSE -- PLEASE CLARIFY, THAT IS AN
18 INSANITY IF I'VE EVER HEARD IT. AND THE IDEA THAT OUR TRAINING
19 HAS BEEN COMPLETE OR VIRTUALLY COMPLETE IS LAUGHABLE, QUITE
20 FRANKLY. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DONE AN ADEQUATE JOB OF
21 FIRST PASS ON THE MANUAL, AS I HAVE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION.
22 THE NEW YORK TIMES HAD A PIECE IN THE PAPER ON SUNDAY ABOUT
23 HOW HOSPITALS ARE NOW A TARGET FOR THE TASER GROUP. WE DO NOT
24 -- OKAY. WE DO NOT WANT SITUATIONS WHERE BUSINESS IS DRIVING
25 THE USE OF THESE THINGS. WE NEED TO TRAIN OUR DEPUTIES THAT

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1 YOU DO NOT SPARK A TASER TO GAIN COMPLIANCE. AND IF SOMEBODY
2 ON THIS BOARD BELIEVES THAT YOU DO, STEP FORWARD. STAND UP AND
3 SAY SO. GET THE SHERIFF DOWN HERE. IT'S INSANE. IT IS A TOOL
4 OF INTIMIDATION, NOT APPROPRIATE.

5

6 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. JOE MAIZLISH. WE CAN
7 SUPPORT THE C.C.J.V. REFORMS AND THE WORK OF THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD, INSPECTOR GENERAL
9 HUNTSMAN AND AT THE SAME TIME GIVE SOME ATTENTION TO SOME OF
10 THE DEEPER ISSUES THAT MAKE DEESCALATION HARD AND IN SOME
11 CASES AND THAT STRESS BOTH THE OFFICERS IN THE JAIL AND THE
12 INMATES. AND I'D LIKE TO NAME A FEW OF THOSE. SOME OF THEM CAN
13 BE DEALT WITH BY THE BOARD DIRECTLY AND SOME INDIRECTLY. ONE
14 OF THEM IS THE EXTREME DISCRETION THAT IS LOADED ONTO LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ACTUALLY MAKES THEIR WORK MORE DIFFICULT.
16 IT MAY LOOK LIKE IT MAKES IT SIMPLER WITH MORE CHOICES, BUT
17 THAT ACTUALLY LOADS A STRESS ON THEM. THE PRECIPITATED USE OF
18 THE CRIMINAL LAW SOMETIMES AS A REFLEXIVE RESPONSE,
19 UNFORTUNATELY YOU ADDED TO THAT STACK OF LAWS A COUPLE OF
20 WEEKS AGO WITH THE BAN ON LEGAL MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION.
21 YOU DON'T BAN BANKS AND PIZZA PARLORS AND STANDARD PHARMACIES
22 JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING ROBBED. BUT YOU ARE ALSO WORKING ON
23 THE OTHER SIDE OF THINGS WITH THESE ISSUES. HERE'S A QUOTE
24 FROM WILLIAM J. STUNTS, THE PROFESSOR OF LAWS, "TOO MUCH LAW
25 AMOUNTS TO NO LAW AT ALL. WHEN LEGAL DOCTRINE MAKES EVERYONE

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1 AN OFFENDER, THE RELEVANT OFFENSES HAVE NO MEANING INDEPENDENT
2 OF LAW ENFORCERS' WILL." THE FORMAL RULE OF LAW YIELDS TO THE
3 FUNCTIONAL RULE OF OFFICIAL DISCRETION. AND THERE WE HAVE ALL
4 THE STRESSES ON PEOPLE, ON EVERYBODY, THE PLEA BARGAINING
5 SYSTEM, WHICH HAS REPLACED, PRETTY MUCH, THE EFFECTIVE RIGHT
6 TO TRIAL. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE SOURCES OF STRESS ON THE
7 PARTIES, ON ALL PARTIES, IN THE JAIL SYSTEM AND THE STREETS,
8 TOO. THOSE ARE THINGS THAT DESERVE SOME ATTENTION AND SOME
9 MENTION AT THE SAME TIME AS I APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF ALL THE
10 PEOPLE WHO ARE MOVING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARD.

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12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL
13 UP PATRICIA MENDOZA, WHO SIGNED UP, AS WELL. MISS SARNOFF?

14
15 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE QUALITY
16 OF VERBAL TRAINING. I THINK THAT WHAT HELPS PEOPLE GROW AND
17 GET RID OF PREJUDICE AND PROFILING AND THIS KIND OF THING IS
18 ROLE PLAYING AND ACTUALLY DELVING INTO SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT
19 HAVE BEEN RAISED AROUND RACISM. THERE'S CERTAINLY BEEN ENOUGH
20 ANECDOTAL AND IN THE PRESS TO KNOW THAT MUCH OF THE VIOLENCE
21 HAS -- STEMS FROM SOME OF THAT KIND OF THINKING. I WOULD ALSO
22 SAY THAT PEPPER SPRAY, TASERS, RUBBER BULLETS ARE ALL FORMS OF
23 BRUTALIZATION. I WATCHED A YOUNG MAN BEING TASERED RIGHT NEXT
24 DOOR WHEN I WAS LIVING WITH MY SISTER ON WEST 68TH STREET AND
25 WATCHED HIM LITERALLY JUMPING LIKE THIS FROM THE TASER. IT IS

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1 A VIOLENT WEAPON. I ALSO WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO WAS ARRESTED AT
2 OCCUPY AT THE TENT VILLAGE, AND I WAS IN THAT CIRCLE. WE WERE
3 NOT RESISTING. WE WERE WATCHING AND THERE WERE PEOPLE IN THE
4 TREES AND THE L.A.P.D. CAME IN AND SHOT MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF
5 BULLETS. THAT KID CAME OUT FINALLY OUT OF THE TREE AND HE WAS
6 BADLY INJURED. HIS WRISTS WERE SO BAD THAT THEY WERE SWOLLEN.
7 I CAN SAY ALSO THAT THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY WHICH WAS USED ON
8 THE BERKELEY STUDENTS, AND I THINK YOU CAN ALL REMEMBER THE
9 GUY WALKING UP AND DOWN AND USING PEPPER SPRAY. PEPPER SPRAY
10 CAN KILL PEOPLE IF THEY'RE ASTHMATIC OR SOME OTHER DEFICIENCY.
11 THESE ARE WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION. THANK YOU.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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15 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** PRENTISS JENKINS, PUBLISHER OF THE CITI LIFE
16 NEWSLETTER, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991. FIRST, I'M SHOCKED THAT YOU
17 CONTINUE TO CALL THESE PEOPLE CLIENTS. THEY'RE INMATES, MOST
18 OF THEM. I DON'T THINK THEY SEE THEMSELVES AS CLIENTS. I MEAN,
19 YOU KNOW, YOU'RE A CLIENT IF YOU'RE INVESTED IN CITY --
20 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. YOU CAN'T CALL INMATES CLIENTS. THAT'S AN
21 INSULT TO THEM. IT JUST MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER. AND YOU'RE
22 DEALING WITH INMATES AND YOU'RE DEALING WITH SOME OF THOSE
23 INMATES WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. BUT WE FORGET ABOUT
24 THE SHERIFFS WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, POST-TRAUMATIC
25 STRESS DISORDER, WHICH IS A RECOGNIZEMENT TO ILLNESS,

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1 RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION AS A MENTAL
2 ILLNESS. AND THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE TO DO IS WORK ON THE
3 SHERIFFS: I WAS THROWN IN THAT COUNTY JAIL BACK IN THE 90S FOR
4 PROTESTING. AND I WATCHED TWO PEOPLE GET BEATEN WITHIN AN INCH
5 OF THEIR LIFE BY GANG MEMBERS IN THERE WHO BEAT THEIR OWN GANG
6 MEMBERS. I'VE WATCHED A COP PUT ON HIS BLACK GLOVES AND GO RUN
7 AFTER SOME GUY THEY SAID SPIT ON ANOTHER SHERIFF. SO WHEN
8 YOU'RE LOOKING TO REFORM, THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE TO REFORM
9 ARE: YOU HAVE TO REFORM THE SHERIFFS IN THERE, BECAUSE A LOT
10 OF THOSE GUYS, JUST BECAUSE THEY GOT A UNIFORM ON DOESN'T MEAN
11 THEY'RE NOT CRAZY. HENRY SOLIS IS SITTING IN THE COUNTY JAIL,
12 MURDERED A MAN THAT HE DID NOT KNOW, JUST FOLLOWED HIM OUT OF
13 A BAR AND SHOT HIM TO DEATH. L.A.P.D. OFFICER HENRY SOLIS. SO
14 WE ABSOLUTELY RECOGNIZE THAT JUST BECAUSE A MAN HAS A BADGE
15 AND A UNIFORM ON DOES NOT MEAN HE'S NOT CRAZY. IT JUST MEANS
16 THAT YOU DON'T SEE HIM AS CRAZY. YOU'RE LOOKING AT HIS UNIFORM
17 AND NOT THE PERSON.

18
19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO WANT TO CALL UP KAREEM MUHAMMAD.
20 YVONNE AUTRY? SHELIAH WARD?

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22 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT
23 SHERIFF BACA WAS THE BEST SHERIFF WE'VE EVER HAD. IT'S
24 UNFORTUNATE THAT HE DIDN'T RAT ON HIS FELLOW OFFICERS AND TELL
25 THEM WHAT WAS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN THE PRISONS AS HE WAS

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1 HELPING THE PRISONERS TO REFORM. HE HAD A PROGRAM IN THERE TO
2 HELP PEOPLE. THERE'S A PROGRAM TO HELP BLACKS IN THE PRISONS,
3 BUT THERE IS NOT A PROGRAM TO HELP YOU ONCE YOU GET OUT, LIKE
4 THEY DO CAUCASIANS. IN THE PRISONS, I WAS AN INMATE THERE
5 ONCE. AND WHEN I WAS THERE, BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO EAT YOU
6 PEOPLE'S FOOD, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PUT ME IN AND INCARCERATE ME
7 AND THINK YOU'RE GOING TO FEED ME BEHIND SOME BARS. IT WILL
8 NEVER HAPPEN. I WILL DIE FIRST AND TAKE HEAVEN AND EARTH WITH
9 ME. I WAS FORCED -- OH, I WASN'T FORCED, BUT THEY TOLD ME THAT
10 IF I DIDN'T EAT, I DIDN'T TAKE THEIR FOOD, THAT NONE OF THE
11 OTHER GIRLS IN THE JAIL COULD GET THEIR FOOD. AND I THOUGHT
12 THAT WAS PREPOSTEROUS. WHEN YOU GO TO JAIL, IT'S BECAUSE
13 YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. AND WHEN
14 YOU GO TO JAIL, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE PUNISHED TWICE OR
15 THREE TIMES BECAUSE YOU DO OR DO NOT WANT TO EAT SOME FOOD OR
16 YOU DO OR DO NOT WANT TO GET UP. THE FOOD IS POISONED. THE
17 PEOPLE WOKE UP, ATE BREAKFAST, WENT TO SLEEP, WOKE UP, ATE
18 LUNCH WENT TO SLEEP, WOKE UP, ATE DINNER, STAY WOKE. I'M NOT
19 EATING THAT. IN THE REAL WORLD, NOBODY SLEEPS LIKE THAT. IT'S
20 CALLED POISON. SECOND OF ALL, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL
21 IS YOU COMMITTED THE CRIME, YOU WENT TO JAIL, YOU SERVED YOUR
22 TIME. SLAVERY IS YOU'RE IN THE JAIL, NOW YOU HAVE TO WORK. FOR
23 WHAT? PUT ME IN THE CELL, KEEP ME THERE FOR HOW MANY DAYS, AND
24 LET ME OUT THE CELL WHATEVER INCARCERATION WHEN IT'S MY TIME.
25 SO WE NEED TO STOP THIS INCARCERATION DID NOT EXIST IN THE MY

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1 LAND 400 YEARS AGO. YOU PEOPLE BROUGHT IT HERE SO YOU CAN BE
2 OVER MY PEOPLE AND KEEP US ENSLAVED AS POLITICAL SLAVES
3 FOREVER. YOU NEED TO STOP IT BEFORE GOD DESTROYS HEAVEN AND
4 EARTH AND THERE'S NO PLACE FOR NOBODY, EVER, EXCEPT FOR THE
5 GODS.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS AND PATRICIA MENDOZA.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
10 IT'S SOMEWHAT FASCINATING. YOU STARTED THIS MEETING OFF BY
11 MAKING PRESENTATIONS REGARDING SOME PEOPLE WHO HAD WORKED IN
12 THE HOMELESS SITUATION FOR OVER 30 YEARS. AND YOU HAVE A
13 BLUEPRINT AND ROAD MAP AND ALL THIS OTHER ACTION THAT YOU'RE
14 GOING TO TAKE TO END HOMELESSNESS. SO I IMAGINE YOU ARE GOING
15 TO END VIOLENCE IN THE JAILS WITH THE SAME RESOURCES, WITH THE
16 SAME VIGOR THAT YOU'RE GOING TO USE TO END HOMELESSNESS. END
17 HOMELESSNESS. NO MORE HOMELESSNESS. NO MORE VIOLENCE IN JAILS.
18 WILL THE BOARD BE SHOWING UP AT THE FACILITIES ON A ROTATING
19 BASIS TO SING KUMBAYA? INSPECTOR HUNTSMAN ONCE MENTIONED
20 FACTUAL FACTS. YOU NEED TO GET SOME FACTUAL FACTS FROM THE
21 BOARD AND FROM THE PUBLIC AND FROM THE MEDIA, MORE
22 IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE UNTIL THE MEDIA STEPS FORWARD AND STARTS
23 TO ACTUALLY COVER WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN THE REAL WORLD
24 AND NOT COVER WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARALLEL UNIVERSE, AND
25 SIT ON EVERY WORD OF WISDOM THAT COMES FROM THE BOARD LIKE IT

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1 IS GOLD, THE SAME THING IS GOING TO HAPPEN, BECAUSE ALL THE
2 COMMUNITIES YOU HAVE IN THE COUNTY, ALL THE DIFFERENT
3 DISPARITY OF COMMUNITIES, CANNOT FIND THE COMMUNITY OF GREEN.
4 THE COMMUNITY OF GREEN IS THE ONLY COMMUNITY THAT YOU LISTEN
5 TO, BECAUSE THAT'S A COMMUNITY OF MONEY. THAT'S ALL THAT
6 MATTERS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GETTING MONEY TO SATISFY
7 THE COMMUNITY OF GREEN SO THE COMMUNITY OF GREEN CAN GIVE YOU
8 MORE MONEY. AND THAT'S THE FACT. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO
9 FOCUS ON.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE. MA'AM?

12

13 **PATRICIA MENDOZA:** OH, ME? HELLO. MY NAME IS PATRICIA, LAST
14 NAME IS MENDOZA. I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE RIGHT HERE ON
15 TEMPLE AND FIGUARO. MY ZIP CODE IS 90012. WHAT I WANTED TO
16 MENTION TO MISS SOLIS AND EVERYONE ELSE WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
17 I'VE BEEN A VICTIM OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE
18 COURTHOUSE ON FIRST AND HILL. I'VE BEEN ATTENDING THAT
19 COURTHOUSE FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. I MYSELF HAVE WITNESSED THE
20 BAD THINGS THAT THEY DO. THEY CLAIM THEY DON'T SPEAK SPANISH.
21 THEY'RE VERY ARROGANT. THEY'RE VERY BULLY. I SEE THE WAY THEY
22 TREAT PEOPLE VERY RUDE. THEY DO DISCRIMINATE. I SEE
23 DISCRIMINATION PRACTICES. A LOT OF THEM, I BELIEVE, THAT SINCE
24 THEY'RE LITTLE, EVERYTHING IS A PATTERN SINCE THESE --
25 EVERYONE IS LITTLE. I BELIEVE THEY HAVE A LOT OF ANGER

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1 MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS. THEY HAVE PROBLEMS AT HOME. THEY COULD
2 HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF -- THEY COULD HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF, WHEN
3 THEY WERE LITTLE, SEXUALLY ABUSED. AND THEY CHOOSE THEIR OWN
4 VICTIMS. THE OLDER THEY GET, THEY DON'T GET HELP. BUT I WOULD
5 ASK TODAY THAT THEY START CHANGING EMPLOYEES AND START
6 INVESTIGATING ALL THOSE SHERIFFS ON FIRST AND HILL IN THE
7 COURTHOUSE. ALL THESE SHERIFFS ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO THE PARK
8 NEXT TO THE CRIMINAL COURTHOUSE. THEY'RE BULLIES. THEY'LL
9 THREATEN YOU. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU SPEAK TO THE
10 SUPERVISORS AND SERGEANTS AND THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING. I
11 REMEMBER THE LAST TIME MY HAND GOT TWISTED, MY WHOLE HAND GOT
12 SWOLLEN AND GOT BRUISED BY A YOUNG HISPANIC SHERIFF INSIDE THE
13 FIRST AND HILL STREET. AND I WENT TO THE CORPORATE OFFICE, AND
14 I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THIS DID, MISS SOLIS. THEY LOOKED AT MY
15 HAND AND SAID, THAT'S NOTHING, MISS MENDOZA. YOU CAN JUST GO
16 HOME AND PUT SOMETHING. I THINK THEY'RE MEAN, AND I THINK WE
17 NEED TO CLEAN HOUSE. THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE L.A.P.D.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

21

22 **KAREEM MUHAMMAD:** IS THAT ME KAREEM MUHAMMAD?

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

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1 **KAREEM MUHAMMAD:** I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, A LONG-TIME
2 RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH, AS A MATTER OF FACT, BORN AND RAISED.
3 I HEARD THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MCDONALD COMMENT ON 39-C, AND SHE
4 WENT SO FAST ON HER REPORT, IT WASN'T REALLY LARGE ENOUGH FOR
5 ME TO SEE AND I DIDN'T HAVE THE REPORT TO ACTUALLY SEE WHAT
6 SOME OF THE OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE ACTUALLY
7 COMMENTING ON. BUT I HAD EXPERIENCES, TOO, IN THE COUNTY JAIL.
8 IT WASN'T PLEASANT, AND IT WASN'T THAT BAD. I KNOW SHERIFF
9 MCDONALD, I THINK TO ME HE'S LIKE THE BEST I EVER SEEN. I
10 REMEMBER HIM WITH THE L.A.P.D., AND HE WAS LIKE SECOND IN
11 CHARGE. AND I WAS REPRESENTING THE HOMELESS PEOPLE AND HE WAS
12 DOING A GREAT JOB. HE GOT HIRED BY LONG BEACH AND HE WON THE
13 SHERIFF. I THINK HE'S THE BEST SHERIFF THAT THIS COUNTY CAN
14 EVER HAVE. THAT BEING SAID, I THINK, TOO, THAT MAYBE -- AND I
15 CAN'T TELL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHAT TO DO, BECAUSE YOU
16 GUYS RUN THE COUNTY, BUT SOMETIMES YOU CAN DO MANAGE BY
17 WALKING AROUND. YOU CAN TAKE WHAT THEY'RE TELLING YOU, ALL OF
18 THESE REPORTS, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE COOL IF YOU GUYS JUST
19 MADE UNEXPECTED VISITS THROUGH THAT COUNTY JAIL AND TALK TO
20 THE INMATES THEMSELVES WITHOUT NOTICE SO THAT YOU DON'T TALK
21 TO INMATES THAT ARE PRE-REHEARSED. I MEAN, SHERIFFS IS LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT. IT'S A TOUGH POSITION. I'M INVOLVED IN LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT ALSO. AND YOU HAVE TO TAKE A STAND. YOUR JOB IS
24 YOU SWORE TO UPHOLD THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND IF YOU'RE WEAK,

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1 THOSE GANGSTERS AND THOSE PEOPLE IN THERE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE
2 OF YOU. THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE?

5

6 **YVONNE AUTRY:** YES. I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT WHAT MY COLLEAGUE
7 SHELIAH WARD SAID. IN THE SOCIALIZATION PROCESS, IN
8 MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO AND THE CLASS SYSTEM IN THE
9 AMERICA, WHICH IS STILLS, UNFORTUNATELY, VERY RACIST, OF
10 COURSE WHITE SUPREMACY IS PREVALENT AND DOMINANT, EVEN WITH A
11 BLACK PRESIDENT, AND ALSO THE LEVEL OF ECONOMIC
12 DISCRIMINATION. AND I SEE THE JAILS AS BEING A SOCIALIZATION
13 PROCESS AND EVEN PLANTATIONS AND PENTHOUSES FOR BLACK PEOPLE.
14 NOW, AS THE HISPANIC PEOPLE HAVE BY AND LARGE REPLACED THE
15 BLACK WORKING CLASS AS THE BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS, OF COURSE
16 THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF HISPANIC INMATES, AS WELL. AND THE
17 BEATING DOWN PROCESS WHICH HAPPENS IN THE JAILS, LITERALLY,
18 LITERALLY BEATING THEM DOWN, WITNESSING THE SODOMIES, OR SOME
19 OF THE POLICE OFFICERS PERFORMING THE SODOMIES IN THAT IN AND
20 OUT SERVICING, YEAH, IN ORDER TO BREAK DOWN THESE INMATES SO
21 THAT THEY ARE NOT ONLY SOCIALIZED SO THAT THEY CANNOT MAKE IT,
22 BUT AGAIN, THAT'S MORE MONEY FOR THE PRISON- INDUSTRIAL
23 COMPLEX. ONE VERY QUICK EXPERIENCE THAT I HAD WHEN I WAS -- I
24 HAD TWO WARRANTS FOR NOT PAYING FOR THE TRAIN, SO I GOT TO
25 SPEND FIVE DAYS IN JAIL. AND ONE OF THE RECEPTIONISTS LOST MY

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1 FILE, SO I KNOW THEY WERE TRYING TO KEEP ME. ONE WHITE MAN
2 TOLD ME YOU'RE TOO LITTLE. YOU LOOK TOO MUCH LIKE WHITE
3 PEOPLE. WE GOING TO PUT YOU IN JAIL TO MAKE YOU BIGGER AND
4 BLACKER BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO FEMININE AND YOU LOOK TOO GOOD, YOU
5 TOO HOT. SO THIS WAS ON ANOTHER OCCASION WHEN I WAS IN THE
6 JAILS, A HISPANIC OFFICER PUT ME IN WITH A DYKE. I AM
7 HETEROSEXUAL FOR THE RECORD. I HAVE A RIGHT TO MY
8 HETEROSEXUALITY. I AM NOT GOING INTO THE CLOSET IN THIS END
9 TIME, I'M NOT SPEAKING AGAINST ANY BI OR OMNISEXUAL PEOPLE.
10 BUT I WAS PUT IN THAT CELL AND THE HISPANIC WOMAN SAID, YEAH,
11 YOU THINK YOU'RE SO CUTE. NOW WE'VE GOT YOU. THANK GOD I
12 WASN'T RAPED. BUT AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS A SOCIALIZATION
13 PROCESS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THIS TYPE OF WHITE SUPREMECIST --
14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM. [OFF MIC
16 COMMENTS CONTINUE.]

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE HAVE ITEMS R-1 AND 39-C,
19 RECEIVE AND FILE AS AMENDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE
20 THE ORDER. NOW WE HAVE A SPECIAL ITEM, P-1 AND 9, RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS AND KUEHL.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LET
24 ME JUST SIMPLY OFFER A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS THAT I THINK ARE
25 WORTH OUR CONSIDERATION. WE ARE AT A CRITICAL MOMENT IN OUR

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1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IN L.A. COUNTY. ALL OF US SHARE THAT.
2 AND AFTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
3 AND THE CREATION OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, NOW WE
4 HAVE TURNED OUR FULL ATTENTION TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
5 THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CHALLENGED IN MANY RESPECTS WITH A
6 NUMBER OF PROBLEMS OVER THE PAST DECADE. ONE STEP FORWARD,
7 TWO-STEPS BACKWARDS IN SOME RESPECTS. BOTH SUPERVISOR KUEHL
8 AND I HAVE FOCUSED OUR ATTENTION ON THE ISSUE OF OVERSIGHT FOR
9 THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND I WAS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH HER
10 ON CREATING A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE ALL OVERSIGHT EFFORTS
11 OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT MOVING FORWARD. IT SEEMS TO ME
12 THAT THAT IS CRITICAL. NOTHING WRONG WITH MORE TRANSPARENCY
13 AND A HIGHER LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY. NOW WE ASK OURSELVES AN
14 EQUALLY IMPORTANT QUESTION. THAT QUESTION IS: EVEN WITH
15 OVERSIGHT, IS THIS DEPARTMENT CAPABLE OF FULFILLING THE
16 MISSION AS CURRENTLY STRUCTURED? I POSE THAT QUESTION IN AN
17 OPEN-ENDED WAY. WE DRAW NO CONCLUSIONS AT THIS PARTICULAR
18 POINT IN TIME. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME OUR VIEW HAS TO BE DEEP. IT
19 HAS TO BE COMPREHENSIVE. AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO KEEP ADVANCING
20 THAT DISCUSSION. I THINK IT'S RELEVANT TO MENTION THAT EVERY
21 SINGLE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OVER THE PAST YEAR AND PRIOR TO
22 THAT HAS POSED QUESTIONS, A RANGE OF QUESTIONS. AND MANY OF
23 THOSE QUESTIONS FOCUS ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE YOUNG
24 PEOPLE THAT ARE IN OUR CARE AND/OR IN OUR CUSTODY. SO WE RE-
25 VISIT THIS ISSUE WITH DIRECTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O.,

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1 THE OFFICE OF THE INTERIM CHIEF OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,
2 AND THOSE WHO WILL COLLABORATE WITH THEM. AND THIS IS ONE STEP
3 OF MANY STEPS THAT MUST BE TAKEN. AND I WANT TO MAKE IT
4 ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT WE ARE HARDLY DONE WITH RE-VISITING
5 VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF
6 PROBATION OFFICER WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR US IN TERMS OF A
7 VERY EXPERIENCED, REFORM-MINDED CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER SO
8 THAT WE CAN MOVE THIS AGENDA FORWARD. WE CHOOSE NOT TO WAIT
9 FOR THE SELECTION OF A NEW OFFICER, THE BOARD OF CHIEF
10 PROBATION OFFICER, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITSELF IS
11 ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE. WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT LEADERSHIP
12 MATTERS. IT MATTERS IMMENSELY. BUT THAT MEANS THAT LEADERSHIP
13 OF THIS BOARD SETTING THE TONE AND MOVING THIS ISSUE FORWARD
14 IN A MEANINGFUL AND APPROPRIATE MANNER. MADAME CHAIR, THAT
15 WILL SUFFICE FOR MY PRELIMINARY REMARKS AT THIS JUNCTURE. IT
16 SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE A LOT TO CONSIDER. THE MOTION IS
17 BEFORE YOU. AND I AT THIS POINT IN TIME WOULD YIELD FOR THE
18 COMMENTS OF MY CO-AUTHOR.

19
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21
22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S REALLY
23 INTERESTING WHAT HAPPENS IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OR
24 LARGE ORGANIZATIONS KIND OF GOING FROM ONE END OF THE SPECTRUM
25 TO THE OTHER. IT'S LIKE AN ACCORDIAN. WE EXPAND, WE

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1 DECENTRALIZE, THEN WE GO OOPS AND THEN WE CENTRALIZE AND THEN
2 WE GO OOPS. AND WE HAVE TO TRY. BUT IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE
3 THE COUNTRY ALSO, I THINK IN ITS OWN WAY, HELPS US TO THINK
4 ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE A FORWARD MOTION, HOW SOMETHING CAN BE
5 BETTER. YEARS -- CENTURIES AGO, ACTUALLY, NOW, OR MORE THAN A
6 CENTURY AGO WHEN JANE ADDAMS FOUNDED HULL HOUSE, SHE WAS ALSO
7 THE PERSON WHO INSISTED MOST STRONGLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE A
8 SEPARATE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND THE REASON WAS BECAUSE
9 YOUNG PEOPLE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY, REALLY, TO FORM THE
10 REQUISITE INTENT TO COMMIT THESE CRIMES, TO THINK ABOUT THEM,
11 TO BE AS THOUGHTFUL IN AN EVIL WAY AS ADULTS AND, THEREFORE,
12 THEY WERE ALSO AMENABLE TO HELP, TO TREATMENT, TO JUST
13 INVESTING IN THEM GETTING BETTER AND BECOMING DIFFERENT. HERE
14 WE HAVE A PROBATION DEPARTMENT WHERE WE'VE DECIDED IN OUR
15 STRUCTURE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE JUVENILES AND ADULTS,
16 JUVENILES IN CUSTODY, JUVENILES AFTER CUSTODY, ADULTS AFTER
17 CUSTODY. THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY TWO SEPARATE THINGS, BUT THEY
18 MIGHT BE. SO LOOKING AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND ESPECIALLY NOW
19 WHEN WE'RE INTERVIEWING PEOPLE FOR PROBATION CHIEF, WE HAVE
20 COME TO KIND OF AN INSIGHT THAT THERE'S STILL A DIALOGUE GOING
21 ON ABOUT THIS. SO I'M VERY HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR THIS EXPLORATION
22 ABOUT WHETHER IT STILL MAKES SENSE, NO CONCLUSION HAVING BEEN
23 FORMED. PEOPLE ARE OF DIFFERENT MINDS ABOUT IT. BUT I THINK
24 SOMETIMES STRUCTURE DOES DICTATE RESULT. AND SO WE WANT TO
25 ALWAYS TAKE A LOOK AT OUR STRUCTURE, AT THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT

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1 WE MADE, AND SO I THINK THIS EXPLORATION'S GOING TO BE VERY
2 IMPORTANT AS WE ELEVATE SCRUTINY OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
3 IN A WAY THAT MOST OTHER STATES AND COUNTIES HAVEN'T DONE. SO
4 I THINK IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO HEAR THE TESTIMONY ABOUT
5 WHAT PEOPLE THINK. AGAIN, OF COURSE, WE'RE NOT MAKING A
6 DECISION TODAY. WE'RE ONLY ASKING FOR A WAY TO EXPLORE THE
7 QUESTION. SO I'M VERY HAPPY TO CO-AUTHOR AND LOOK FORWARD TO
8 THE DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT I'VE BEEN CONCERNED
13 ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME, AND I'M GLAD TO SUPPORT IT. YOU KNOW,
14 THE EMPHASIS SO MUCH WHEN YOU HEAR STORIES ABOUT WHAT GOES ON
15 IN PROBATION, THE EMPHASIS IS SO MUCH ON ADULTS THAT I REALLY
16 DON'T THINK THE FOCUS IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE AS IT RELATES TO
17 THE YOUTH. AND I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE, LIKE YOU
18 SAY, NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS, BUT AT LEAST RE-VISIT THE
19 OPPORTUNITY AS IT RELATES TO SPLITTING THE POPULATIONS,
20 PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO TRAINING THAT GOES INTO THESE. I
21 SIT HERE AND REFLECT ABOUT HOW D.C.F.S., AS AN EXAMPLE, WHAT
22 WE'VE DONE WITH THE D.C.F.S. UNIVERSITY, THAT THAT SHOULD BE
23 PART OF THIS LOOK-SEE, TOO. THERE'S A REAL OPPORTUNITY AS IT
24 RELATES TO PROBATION IN DEALING WITH THE CULTURE INSIDE THE
25 DEPARTMENT, DEALING WITH LABOR- MANAGEMENT ISSUES, BUT MOST

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1 IMPORTANTLY THE TRAINING AND HOW IT AFFECTS. AND THE SUCCESS
2 OF THE D.C.F. UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN AMAZING HAVE AND I THINK
3 IT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO LOOK AT, AS WELL, WHEN WE EVALUATE
4 THIS KIND OF AN OPPORTUNITY.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO ADD MY OWN COMMENTS AND SAY
7 THIS IS A GOOD START FOR US. I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF
8 DISCUSSION IN THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS IDEA OF SEPARATING THE
9 YOUTH, THE JUVENILES FROM ADULTS. AND THERE PROBABLY IS A LOT
10 OF MERIT TO THAT. BUT I'D LIKE TO ALSO GET AS MUCH INFORMATION
11 AS POSSIBLE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE COSTS ARE AND HOW WE
12 WOULD PROVIDE TRAINING, SUFFICIENT TRAINING AND POSSIBLY EVEN
13 THROUGH AN AMENDMENT THAT I'M PUTTING FORWARD, LOOK AT
14 EVALUATING OUR FACILITIES, BECAUSE IF THE CASE IS THAT OUR
15 POPULATION, JUVENILE POPULATION, IS GOING DOWN, THEN WHY DO WE
16 NEED SO MANY CAMPS? WE MAY WANT TO LOOK AT THAT AND FIGURE OUT
17 WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THAT RESOURCE. AND ALSO, I THINK IT'S VERY
18 IMPORTANT FOR US TO LOOK AT BEST PRACTICES. WE MAY NOT FIND
19 HERE ON OUR OWN STATE A LOT OF EXAMPLES WHERE THIS HAS WORKED
20 WELL OR MAYBE IT HAS, BUT ALSO LOOKING INTERNATIONALLY AT WHAT
21 RESEARCH AND NATIONAL IMPLICATIONS THIS MIGHT HAVE BECAUSE OF
22 WHAT'S HAPPENED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THAT'S VERY
23 IMPORTANT. AND I THINK I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT IT'S SO
24 IMPORTANT FOR US TO DIFFERENTIATE THE TYPE OF TRAINING THAT
25 GOES ON FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH.

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1 IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF NOW THAT I'VE BEEN A BOARD MEMBER,
2 I'VE OFTEN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH OUR YOUTH THAT HAVE
3 BEEN INCARCERATED AND KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THERE,
4 KNOW THAT WE WANT TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR STAFF, WITH
5 OUR UNIONS, WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND WITH EVERYONE CONCERNED.
6 SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AN ANALYSIS OF THIS INFORMATION
7 PUT FORWARD. SO AT THIS TIME, WE'D LIKE TO ASK MR. CAL
8 REMINGTON TO COME FORWARD AND MAKE HIS PRESENTATION. THANK YOU
9 FOR COMING HERE THIS AFTERNOON. OUR INTERIM PROBATION CHIEF.

10

11 **CAL REMINGTON:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
12 BOARD, MISS HAMAI. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY. I THINK
13 THE TIMING IS GOOD ON THIS MOTION. AND CERTAINLY THE
14 DEPARTMENT, YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES THAT ARE
15 BEST PRACTICES. WE REALLY WANT TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING WE'RE
16 DOING. AND SOMETIMES THAT HAS TO BE DONE WITH A CRITICAL EYE.
17 THE DYNAMICS ARE CERTAINLY DIFFERENT BETWEEN ADULT AND
18 JUVENILE OFFENDERS. THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS IS
19 SUCH THAT THAT IN ITSELF MAKES THAT POPULATION MUCH DIFFERENT.
20 THE APPROACHES WE USE FOR THAT POPULATION SHOULD BE MUCH
21 DIFFERENT. SO I SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY. I ALSO APPRECIATE
22 THAT THE MOTION IS QUITE COMPREHENSIVE BUT WILL ALLOW FOR
23 OPTIONS. I THINK I CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE BOARD'S CONCERN. THE
24 BOARD WANTS TO, ON AN EXPLORATORY METHOD, LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE
25 DOING. AND SO THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM TO DO BETTER. AS FAR AS THE

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1 ACTUAL STRUCTURE, I THINK THE CONSULTANT WILL PROVIDE THE
2 BOARD WITH OPTIONS, AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY HOW IT SHOULD
3 BE. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS PROCESS. I'M LOOKING
4 FORWARD TO THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTANT. AND AS I SAID, WE
5 APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S FOCUS ON THIS.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. REMINGTON. OKAY,
8 IF THERE'S NO QUESTIONS, THEN WE'LL EXCUSE YOU FOR THE MOMENT.
9 AND WE HAVE WITNESSES THAT WE'D LIKE TO BRING UP AS A PANEL:
10 CYN YAMASHIRO, JOSE OSUNA, DR. BIKILA OCHOA, JAVIER STAURING,
11 KIM MCGILL, AND PATRICIA SOUNG. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME ALSO
12 FOR THE RECORD AND THE ORGANIZATION.

13

14 **JOSE OSUNA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WANT TO
15 THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
16 INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS JOSE OSUNA, AND I SERVE AS
17 DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I WANTED
18 TO, FIRST OF ALL, SAY WHY WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND
19 ALSO LIFT UP A COUPLE OF CONCERNS THAT I THINK WOULD BE
20 BENEFICIAL TO LIFT UP. FIRST OF ALL, WE APPLAUD THE FACT THAT
21 THIS CALLS FOR A LOOK AT BEST PRACTICES AROUND THE COUNTRY. I
22 THINK THAT THERE ARE SOME COUNTIES THAT ARE DOING A REALLY
23 GOOD JOB OF HANDLING THEIR PROBATION SYSTEM, SO I THINK IT'S
24 VERY GOOD THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT BEST PRACTICES AROUND THE
25 COUNTRY AND INTERNATIONALLY, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID, AS

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1 WELL. WE'RE ALSO VERY ENCOURAGED WITH THE FACT THAT THIS CALLS
2 FOR DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT OUR PROBATION
3 SYSTEM IS BROKEN IN MANY AREAS. THIS ALSO CALLS FOR MORE
4 TRANSPARENCY, SO THAT IS ALWAYS SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR THAT.
5 WE ALWAYS LOOK FOR THAT IN ANY MOTION. SO WE APPLAUD THAT PART
6 OF THE MOTION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE
7 IS THAT THIS DOES RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT NEEDS FOR
8 ADULTS AND JUVENILES THAT HAVE CONTACT WITH OUR JUSTICE
9 SYSTEM. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY GOOD PART OF THE MOTION
10 THAT BEGINS TO LOOK AT HOW DO WE SERVE THESE INDIVIDUALS
11 DIFFERENTLY? THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE A VERY INTIMATE
12 EXPERIENCE WITH OVER AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. WE SERVE BOTH
13 JUVENILES AND ADULTS AND WE'VE ACKNOWLEDGED AND RECOGNIZED
14 THAT THERE'S A DIFFERENT WAY TO SERVE BOTH POPULATIONS. WE
15 ALSO WOULD ASK THAT NOT JUST INTERNALLY WE LOOK AT THE
16 PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE AREAS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED
17 BUT ALSO LOOKING AT SOME OF THE OUTSIDE SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT
18 HAVE DONE EXCELLENT JOBS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS IN DEALING WITH
19 PROBATIONERS COMING OUT OF THE SYSTEM. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE
20 TO REMIND THIS GROUP THAT THERE WAS A REPORT PUT OUT IN 2009
21 THAT LOOKED AT ALL OF CALIFORNIA'S PROBATION SYSTEMS. AND SO I
22 JUST WANT TO LIFT UP THOSE FINDINGS REAL QUICK. WE DIDN'T DO A
23 RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT VERY WELL AS A STATE THEN. AND IF WE
24 FIND THAT IN THIS INVESTIGATION, I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT
25 THAT. IT WAS ALSO FOUND THAT EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS WERE NOT

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1 AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THAT
2 PROBATION OFFICERS HAD EXTREMELY HIGH CASELOADS. PROGRAM
3 EVALUATIONS WERE NOT CONDUCTED DURING THAT TIME. SO THIS WAS
4 IN 2009. I HOPE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME IMPROVEMENTS SINCE
5 THAT TIME, BUT I THINK THAT WE NEED TO RE-VISIT THAT REPORT
6 THAT WAS DONE FOR ALL THE COUNTIES OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

10

11 **BIKILA OCHOA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS BIKILA
12 OCHOA, AND I'M THE POLICY DIRECTOR AT THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM
13 COALITION. I APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY TO VOICE OUR SUPPORT FOR
14 SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS' AND KUEHL'S MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
15 RESEARCH INTO THE APPROPRIATE PROBATION DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE
16 TO BEST SERVE THE COUNTY'S PROBATION YOUTH. MANY OF THE MEN
17 AND WOMEN WITH WHOM A.R.C. WORKS WERE INCARCERATED AS YOUTH
18 AND WERE RELEASED AS YOUNG ADULTS. SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS
19 WERE RELEASED UNDER STATE STATUTES RECOGNIZING THAT JUVENILES
20 WERE COGNITIVELY DISTINCT FROM ADULTS AND THAT BRAIN
21 DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES INTO THE EARLY 20S. THESE VERY SAME LAWS
22 AND OTHERS LIKE IT AROUND THE COUNTRY WERE SIGNIFICANT FOR TWO
23 REASONS. FIRST, THESE LAWS ARE BASED ON THE NOTION THAT YOUTH
24 ARE, IN FACT, REDEEMABLE. AS WE SEE EACH DAY AT A.R.C.,
25 INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMIT CRIMES AS YOUNG PEOPLE CAN AND DO

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1 MATURE INTO EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY LEADERS. ANY NEW PROBATION
2 STRUCTURE WILL HAVE TO BE KEENLY AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF YOUTH
3 AND HOW TO SHAPE THIS CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS. SECOND,
4 THESE LAWS WERE BASED ON SOPHISTICATED EVIDENCE-BASED SOCIAL
5 SCIENCE RESEARCH. IT MAKES SENSE THAT INSTITUTIONS CHARGED
6 WITH WITH MONITORING YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS DEVELOPING THE
7 EDUCATIONAL, HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS TO KEEP YOUNG
8 PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL AND DEVELOP INTO PRODUCTIVE INDIVIDUALS BE
9 STRUCTURED BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE EVIDENCE. THEREFORE,
10 A.R.C. IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE RESEARCH
11 INTO THE BEST DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURE TO SERVE OUR YOUTH. THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

15

16 **CYN YAMASHIRO:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CYN
17 YAMASHIRO. I AM AN ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. HOWEVER, IN A
18 PREVIOUS LIFE I WAS A PUBLIC DEFENDER AND SPENT TIME AS A
19 SUPERVISOR IN COMPTON FOR THE JUVENILE OFFICE. I ALSO AM THE
20 FOUNDING DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW AND POLICY
21 AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. AND IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, I SAT ON THE
22 PROBATION COMMISSION FOR THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION COMMISSION,
23 AND TWO OF THOSE FIVE YEARS I SPENT AS THE PRESIDENT. SO I
24 OFFER THAT AS SOME BACKGROUND, BECAUSE I'VE WORKED WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CAPACITIES, FIRST AS AN

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1 ADVERSARY, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER, THEN
2 AS AN ACADEMIC STUDYING THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO JUVENILES
3 AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY, AND THEN FINALLY IN MY CAPACITY
4 AS A COMMISSIONER, WE'VE PLAYED AN OVERSIGHT ROLE OVER THE
5 DEPARTMENT. SO WE HAVE A BETTER SENSE FROM AN ORGANIZATIONAL
6 STANDPOINT THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE DEPARTMENT. SO I WILL
7 JUST SAY THAT OBVIOUSLY I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I
8 BELIEVE THAT IN NO SHORT ORDER YOUR EXPERTS WILL FIND THAT LOS
9 ANGELES IS BEHIND THE NATIONAL TREND OF HAVING A SINGULAR
10 PROBATION DEPARTMENT CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
11 LOOKING OR SUPERVISING JUVENILES. NOT ONLY ARE WE IN THE
12 MINORITY IN THE UNITED STATES. WE'RE ALSO IN THE INDUSTRIAL,
13 WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, THE HIGH PERFORMING COUNTRIES
14 ALSO HAVE A SINGLE PROBATION SYSTEM DESIGNED TO WORK WITH
15 YOUTH EXCLUSIVELY. THAT INCLUDES ENGLAND, IRELAND, NEW ZEALAND
16 AND JAPAN. ALL SUPERVISE THEIR YOUTH INDIVIDUALLY. AND THE
17 QUESTION REALLY IS, WHY? I DON'T HAVE TIME TO GET INTO IT,
18 OBVIOUSLY, AT THIS POINT, BUT I CERTAINLY WOULD ANSWER
19 QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY. BUT I THINK THE KEY IS TO CULTIVATE
20 AN INSTITUTION THAT HAS A CULTURE THAT REWARDS THAT TYPE OF
21 SPECIALIZATION THAT THE LAW REALLY REQUIRES. AND WITH THAT,
22 I'LL CEDE MY REMARKS.

23
24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JAVIER STAURING?

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1 **JAVIER STAURING:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JAVIER STAURING, AND
2 FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF DECADES, I HAVE LED THE EFFORTS OF THE
3 OFFICE OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS
4 ANGELES. WE PROVIDE PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO
5 INCARCERATED YOUTH IN EVERY JUVENILE HALL AND PROBATION CAMP
6 IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND AS THE LARGEST AND OLDEST VOLUNTEER
7 ORGANIZATION SERVING THESE INSTITUTIONS, WE ARE A LEADER IN AN
8 EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE ADOPTION OF RESTORATIVE AND
9 TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES AIMED AT RECONCILING AND
10 RESTORING INDIVIDUALS, NEIGHBORHOODS AND SOCIETY AT LARGE.
11 WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS CALIFORNIA HAS
12 MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO UNDO THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THE
13 ADULTIFICATION OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WE ARE ALL WELL
14 AWARE THAT MUCH MORE WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE. IT IS UNCLEAR TO
15 ME WHY THERE WAS EVER A NEED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO PROVE
16 THAT CHILDREN ARE DIFFERENT THAN ADULTS. BUT NEVERTHELESS,
17 THIS IS A FACT THAT FINALLY HAS VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS CONSENSUS.
18 CHILDREN ARE DIFFERENT THAN ADULTS. ANOTHER AREA OF CONSENSUS
19 AMONGST JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVOCATES IN L.A. COUNTY INCLUDES THE
20 FACT THAT THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR A RADICAL SHIFT IN THE
21 CURRENT CULTURE OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. ANY HOPE FOR
22 SIGNIFICANT AND LASTING POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT LIE
23 IN THE CAPACITY TO MAKE A SWEEPING CULTURAL SHIFT. IF INSIDE
24 OUR HALLS AND CAMPS THERE IS A CULTURE THAT DENIES THE
25 INHERENT DIGNITY AND POTENTIAL OF EVERY CHILD, IT DOESN'T

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1 MATTER HOW MANY PROVEN PROGRAMS WE RESEARCH AND HOW GOOD THEY
2 LOOK ON PAPER. IT'S NOT GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE INSIDE. I
3 KNOW MOST OF US HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A LONG TIME. AS FAR
4 AS MISS KUEHL, I REMEMBER GOING TO YOUR OFFICE 20 YEARS AGO IN
5 THE SENATE. AND I JUST ASK, IN CLOSING, THAT WHEN MAKING THESE
6 DECISIONS, THAT YOU MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON, WHAT WOULD YOU DO
7 IF YOUR CHILD WAS COMING INTO THIS SYSTEM? WHAT WOULD YOU BE
8 WILLING TO SPEND TO HELP YOUR CHILD IF YOUR CHILD WAS
9 STRUGGLING?

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. KIM MCGILL.

12

13 **KIM MCGILL:** PATRICIA. DON'T FORGET PATRICIA.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, WE HAVEN'T.

16

17 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIM MCGILL. I'M THE
18 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. LIKE THE FOLKS THAT COME BEFORE ME,
19 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION IS LED BY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
20 INCARCERATED, DETAINED, SOME DEPORTED, AS WELL AS OUR FAMILY
21 MEMBERS, AND WE APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN
22 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS THAT
23 WE NEED TO LOOK INTERNATIONALLY AT MODELS. WE'VE SEEN AMAZING
24 MODELS IN SOUTH AFRICA, BRAZIL, UNITED KINGDOM, AS WELL AS TO
25 LOOK INTO OUR OWN HISTORY AND GO BACK TO THE FUTURE IN THE

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1 UNITED STATES, TO LOOK TO THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SETTLEMENT
2 HOUSE MOVEMENT AND THE JUVENILE COURT THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL
3 SPOKE OF AS THE ROOTS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT WE NEED IN
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BEFORE YOU I BROUGHT -- THERE'S A NUMBER
5 OF YOUNG PEOPLE HERE FROM THE Y.J.C. THERE WERE MORE EARLIER.
6 ABOUT 28 YOUTH CAME OUT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION,
7 AND A LOT HAD TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. BUT I ALSO BROUGHT FIVE
8 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T BE WITH US TODAY WHO WERE KILLED ON
9 THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES: CHRIS CARTER, EZELL FORD, GUSTAVO
10 JAIMEZ, LEONARD BAKER, JESSE REYNOSO. WHAT CAN THESE YOUNG
11 MEN'S LIVES BUT ALSO THEIR TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATHS TEACH US
12 ABOUT WHAT IT IS TO BE A YOUNG PERSON OF COLOR STRUGGLING TO
13 SURVIVE IN LOS ANGELES? THREE OF THESE YOUTH WERE ON PROBATION
14 WHEN THEY WERE KILLED. ALL OF THEM HAD BEEN ON PROBATION
15 DURING THEIR LIFETIMES. ALL HAD BEEN STOPPED, PATTED DOWN AND
16 QUESTIONED NUMEROUS TIMES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING
17 PROBATION OFFICERS, IN BOTH THEIR SCHOOLS AND ON THE STREETS.
18 PROBATION WASN'T ABLE TO REDIRECT THEIR LIVES. AND
19 UNFORTUNATELY, PROBATION WASN'T EVEN THERE TO HELP PICK UP THE
20 PIECES WHEN THEY DIED. ONLY ONE PROBATION OFFICER OUT OF THESE
21 FIVE CONTACTED THE FAMILY AFTER THE HOMICIDE. SO WHAT DOES
22 THIS MEAN FOR LOS ANGELES? WE KNOW ALL TOO WELL THAT L.A.
23 COUNTY LEADS THE NATION IN MANY ISSUES THAT ARE HARMFUL TO
24 YOUTH AND CRIMINALIZES MANY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NORMAL YOUTH
25 BEHAVIORS. L.A. COUNTY, THE NATION'S LARGEST MUNICIPAL REGION

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1 AND THE ONE WITH THE LARGEST YOUTH POPULATION, HAS NO
2 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. ACROSS THE NATION AND
3 WORLDWIDE, COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING
4 EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT, THE ARTS, RECREATION AND SAFETY AND
5 LEADERSHIP BUT ALSO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT USED TO OVERSEE WHAT
6 USED TO BE JUVENILE HALLS AND JUVENILE COURTS IS A KEY
7 COMPONENT OF A PUBLIC SAFETY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
8 STRATEGY. WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU ADVOCATE FOR THE
9 SEPARATION OF YOUTH FROM L.A. COUNTY PROBATION/CUSTODY
10 INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: THE CREATION OF AN L.A. COUNTY
11 DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
12 ALL DETENTIONS, JUVENILE HALLS, INCARCERATION CAMPS,
13 PLACEMENTS, AND FIELD PROBATION FOR YOUTH UP TO AGE 18, AS
14 WELL AS ALL FIELD PROBATION FOR YOUTH UP TO AGE 24, BUT THAT
15 THE YOUTH NEW DEPARTMENT LOOK AT DISMANTLING THE TRADITIONAL
16 SYSTEMS OF SUPPRESSION AND INCARCERATION TOWARD MORE HOLISTIC
17 OPPORTUNITIES. SECOND, THE REGULAR COLLECTION RELEASE OF DATA
18 TO THE COMMUNITY --

19
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COULD YOU WRAP UP? I'M SORRY.

21
22 **KIM MCGILL:** I'M SORRY. THE REGULAR COLLECTION AND RELEASE OF
23 DATA, IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED OWNED AND OPERATED
24 DIVERSION, DOWNSIZING, INCLUDING A LONG-TERM VISION TO CLOSE
25 YOUTH PRISONS AND AN IMMEDIATE CLOSING OF AT LEAST HALF THE

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1 CAMPS, GIVEN THAT THE POPULATION IS DOWN, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS
2 SAID, A COMMITMENT TO DECRIMINALIZE AND TO MOVE MORE YOUNG
3 PEOPLE OUT OF THE SYSTEM, AND, FINALLY, GIVEN PROBATION'S
4 INABILITY TO DIRECT MONEY TO THE GROUND, AN OVERSEEING OF ALL
5 LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR YOUTH LOCALLY, INCLUDING
6 J.J.C.P.A. AND A.B.109 FUNDS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS
7 OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

10

11 **PATRICIA SOUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PATRICIA SONG. I'M
12 A SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY AND POLICY ASSOCIATE WITH CHILDREN'S
13 DEFENSE FUND, CALIFORNIA. PREVIOUSLY I WORKED AT THE CENTER
14 FOR JUVENILE LAW AND POLICY, ACTUALLY HIRED AND SUPERVISED BY
15 A PREVIOUS SPEAKER, CYN YAMASHIRO. AT C.D.F. CALIFORNIA, WE
16 WORK TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE CHILD,
17 ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE VULNERABLE AND WHO ARE AT RISK
18 OF SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT. I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION
19 AND APPLAUD THE BOARD'S CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND EFFORTS TO
20 STUDY, BE INFORMED, AND BE THOUGHTFUL AND BOLD IN FURTHERING
21 PROBATION REFORM. I ACTUALLY JUST WANT TO REFERENCE ONE MOMENT
22 I HAD WITH A FORMER YOUNG PERSON WHO I REPRESENTED BETWEEN THE
23 AGES OF 15 AND 17 AND HE ENTERED THE SYSTEM AT AGE 13. AND
24 AFTER COLLECTING A WHOLE NUMBER OF SUPPORT LETTERS FROM
25 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAD INTERFACED

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1 WITH HIM WHILE HE WAS INCARCERATED AND PRIOR TO THAT TIME
2 DESCRIBING HIS STRENGTHS, HIS POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES, AND HIS
3 POTENTIAL, I HANDED THEM TO THIS CLIENT, AND HE READ THROUGH
4 THEM AND HE WHISPERED TO ME, "SEE, I'M NOT ALL BAD." AND THAT
5 MOMENT TO ME REFLECTED SOMETHING DEEPLY DISTURBING AND
6 ENTRENCHED ABOUT HIS INTERACTIONS WITH PROBATION THAT HE HAD
7 INTERNALIZED AND THAT REFLECTS A NEED FOR THIS MORE THAN JUST
8 AS A LOOK INTO STRUCTURE IN PARALLEL WITH REVIEW OF NEW
9 LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE BUT A REAL
10 OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT CULTURE AND PHILOSOPHY, TO RETURN TO
11 THE THINKING THAT YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN, ARE
12 DIFFERENT, THAT WE NEED TO TREAT THEM AS WHOLE PEOPLE, AND
13 THAT THEY CAN BE CHANGED AND TRANSFORMED. I ESPECIALLY SUPPORT
14 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AMENDMENT TO EVALUATE FACILITIES IN LIGHT
15 OF DOWNWARD TRENDS IN CRIME AND THE EVOLUTIONS IN RESEARCH AND
16 THINKING ABOUT THE HARMS OF INCARCERATING YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, IN
17 CLOSING, I URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT THIS MOTION AND TO ACT
18 QUICKLY. THANK YOU.

19
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE TWO OTHER MEMBERS THAT
21 WERE GOING TO BE INVITED TO SPEAK AT THIS TIME, JESSICA ELLIS
22 AND CEDRIC BROWN.

23
24 **CEDRIC BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CEDRIC BROWN. THANK
25 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. FOR THE LAST 16 YEARS, I

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1 HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF CHAPLAIN'S EAGLES I.N.C., WHICH IS THE
2 PROTESTANT MINISTRY THAT HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS SINCE 1985 OVER ALL PROTESTANT MINISTRY SERVICES
4 FOR ALL JUVENILE FACILITIES. THIS YEAR, I HAVE JUST RETIRED
5 FROM THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND I STILL HOLD YOUR
6 POSITION FOR PROBATION AS THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR THIS YEAR.
7 ONCE I MOVED INTO THE SYLMAR FACILITY, I LEARNED MUCH MORE
8 ABOUT SYLMAR'S FACILITY W.X.Y.Z. I'VE WORKED WITH EVERYONE
9 THAT JUST CAME FROM THIS STAGE JUST NOW WHO SPOKE AND THEY ARE
10 CHAMPIONS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND I HONOR THEM AND RESPECT THEM
11 VERY WELL. THEY'VE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH AND COLLABORATED WITH ME
12 SO MUCH. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THESE
13 CHILDREN. WHEN YOU SEE A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A
14 FELONY SO EXTREME AND HE'S ONLY 14 YEARS OLD, BUT HE ENDS UP
15 SPENDING FOUR YEARS IN ONE LOCATION WAITING TO BE TRIED AS AN
16 ADULT, SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THAT PICTURE. I HAVE SIX GIRLS
17 OVER IN LOS PADRINOS WHO HAVE STARTED A PROGRAM CALLED NEW
18 JOURNEYS THAT I STARTED WITH THE BOYS IN W.X.Y.Z. TO GET THEM
19 PREPARED FOR THE NEXT JOURNEY IN THEIR LIVES. AS A MINISTER I
20 SAY THAT GOD SAID, JESUS SAID THAT "I COME THAT YOU HAVE LIFE
21 AND LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY" AND IT DIDN'T MEAN WHERE YOU WERE
22 GOING TO BE BUT ABUNDANT LIFE WHEREVER YOU ARE AND TO GIVE
23 THEM THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND TO GROW THEM TO ANOTHER PLACE THAT
24 THEY CAN ACTUALLY LIVE. BUT THEN I HAVE A COUPLE OF GIRLS WHO
25 HAVE BEEN THERE -- WHO HAVE BEEN GONE FOR QUITE SOMETIME AND

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1 THEY'RE THERE FOR PROSTITUTION, AND WE MOVE TOWARDS C.S.E.C. I
2 HAVE HAD SUCH GREAT COOPERATION FROM LOS PADRINOS AND ALL THE
3 DIRECTORS AND CHIEF DEPUTIES THAT HAVE WORKED WITH ME. I ASK
4 YOU TODAY TO CONTINUE THE EFFORT TO MAKE THIS CHANGE, BECAUSE
5 CHILDREN CHANGE IN FOUR YEARS AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE.
6 14 YEARS OLD, YOU HAVE NO CLUE AT WHAT YOU'RE DOING. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

10

11 **JESSICA ELLIS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JESSICA ELLIS. I'M
12 DIRECTOR AT CENTINELA YOUTH SERVICES, AND WE COME TO YOU WITH
13 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORKING IN CLOSE
14 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND WITH ENGAGED COMMUNITY
15 VOLUNTEERS TO BRING THE JUSTICE PROCESS BACK INTO THE
16 COMMUNITY. AND OUR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAMS GREATLY
17 IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH WHILE ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF
18 VICTIMS OF CRIME. WE APPLAUD THIS BOARD FOR YOUR WORK TO BRING
19 HIGHER ACCOUNTABILITY TO OUR PUBLIC JUSTICE AGENCIES. WE
20 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF
21 SPLITTING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT INTO SEPARATE JUVENILE AND
22 ADULT AGENCIES OR DIVISIONS. AS FOLKS HAVE MENTIONED, THE
23 BOUNTY OF HIGHLY RESPECTED RESEARCH HAS TAUGHT US ALL THAT THE
24 BRAINS OF YOUTH ARE FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT THAN THAT OF
25 ADULTS. AND THE STRATEGIES REQUIRED TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE BACK

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1 ON TRACK CAN BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WORKS WITH ADULTS.
2 ONE CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF THAT IS SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.
3 GROUP TREATMENT HAS BEEN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FOR ADULTS. BUT
4 OFTEN FOR KIDS, IT CAN BE REALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND MAKE
5 SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES WORSE. SO TO SEE BETTER RESULTS WITH OUR
6 YOUTH, OUR JUSTICE AGENCIES NEED PROFESSIONALS WHO SPECIALIZE
7 IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN TREATING THE JUVENILE
8 DIVISIONS AS ENTRY-LEVEL TRAINING GROUNDS FOR EVENTUAL CAREER
9 PROMOTION INTO THE ADULT SYSTEM. OUR KIDS ARE WORTH
10 SPECIALIZING IN THEIR NEEDS. AND WE COMMEND THE WORK ON THE
11 RECENT PROBATION OUTCOMES STUDY AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE MORE
12 DATA AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THAT'S KEY TO GETTING TRUE CHANGE.
13 AND, FINALLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT REFORM THE WAY
14 IT WORKS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES. COMMUNITY
15 CONNECTEDNESS IS KEY TO POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AND OUR
16 DIVERSE COMMUNITIES HAVE MANY INNOVATIVE AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
17 PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE
18 TO EFFECTIVELY NURTURE AND HARNESS PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE
19 COMMUNITIES IT SERVES. SO WE RECOMMEND AN EXECUTIVE WHO
20 BECOMES IN CHARGE OF REALLY BETTER UTILIZING COMMUNITY
21 PARTNERSHIPS. THANK YOU.

22
23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL
24 UP SEVERAL SPEAKERS: MAYNOR MACHADO, KAREEM MUHAMMAD, TANISHA
25 DENARD, DAYVON WILLIAMS.

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1

2 **KAREEM MUHAMMAD:** MADAME CHAIR, I REMEMBER YOU RUNNING FOR,
3 WELL, YOU WERE A CONGRESSWOMAN FIRST, RIGHT?

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** A LONG TIME AGO.

6

7 **KAREEM MUHAMMAD:** A LONG TIME AGO. I'M HERE ON THE BEHALF OF
8 L.A. VOICE. I HAVE A SON, AND HE WAS IN THE PROBATION SYSTEM.
9 AND TO BE HONEST, I WAS IN IT FOR A SHORT TIME MYSELF FOR SIX
10 MONTHS. IT'S MY WORST EXPERIENCE I EVER HAD WITH BEING LOCKED
11 UP. I HAD TO REPORT FOR SIX MONTHS. I GOT OFF. GOD BLESSED ME.
12 I TURNED MY LIFE AROUND. I'M 58 NOW, AND NOW I'M INTO LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT, STARTING TO GET ME A DEGREE. AND IT'S AN HONOR TO
14 BE BEFORE THIS HONORABLE BOARD AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF
15 SHEILA KUEHL. I SAW HER ROUGHING IT OUT WITH THAT OTHER GUY,
16 THAT KENNEDY GUY. I'M GLAD SHE WON. AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
17 BRINGING THIS CONCERN. ONE OF MY RECOMMENDATIONS IS THAT IT DO
18 BE SPLIT UP, BECAUSE IF YOU GOT KIDS BETWEEN 17 AND 24, MAYBE
19 IF A KID COMES IN AT 17, HE SHOULDN'T BE HELD UNTIL HE'S 21 TO
20 BE TRIED AS AN ADULT, BECAUSE MEN, AS YOU KNOW, THEY WILL TAKE
21 ADVANTAGE OF YOUNG KIDS, WHO DON'T KNOW. AND A LOT OF THESE
22 KIDS, THEY JUST NEED A SECOND CHANCE. AND I'M GLAD WE HAVE
23 CHAPLAINS, MINISTERS, AND IMAMS THAT'S GOING IN THERE,
24 TEACHING THEM, TRYING TO GET THEM TO REFORM THEIR LIVES. SO I
25 THINK THIS IS EXCELLENT THAT YOU GUYS BROUGHT THIS BEFORE THE

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1 COUNTY. THIS IS A WONDERFUL COUNTY. AND I'M JUST GLAD I'M IN
2 THE SECOND DISTRICT WITH DON KNABE. I WISH YOU COULD JUST RUN
3 AND RUN AND RUN. I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU GO, MAN. TAKE IT
4 EASY, THANKS.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **MAYNOR MACHADO:** HI. MY NAME IS MAYNOR MACHADO. I'M HERE TO LET
9 YOU GUYS KNOW THAT WE WANT MORE FACILITIES FOR THE YOUTH ON
10 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE WANT TO LET YOU GUYS KNOW THAT THE
11 YOUTH CENTERS COULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE YOUTH, BECAUSE ONE
12 THING IS THAT -- MAN, I GET REALLY NERVOUS.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S OKAY. THAT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T WORRY
15 ABOUT IT. GO ON.

16

17 **MAYNOR MACHADO:** 53 PERCENT OF EVERY SINGLE INCOME TO THE L.A.
18 POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ONLY 0.65 PERCENT GOES TO THE YOUTH, AND
19 THAT'S NOT COOL. WE NEED MORE THINGS FOR THE YOUTH. WE NEED
20 THE YOUTH TO BE MORE FREE. WE NEED THE YOUTH TO BE MORE
21 PROACTIVE IN SPORTS, IN OTHER THINGS, BECAUSE MOST KIDS TODAY
22 ARE GOING TO GANGS, GOING INTO STREET VIOLENCE, AND WE DON'T
23 WANT THAT NO MORE. WE WANT TO STOP THAT. AND ONE OF THOSE WAYS
24 IS BY HELPING US, IS BY OPENING MORE CENTERS, MORE YOUTH
25 PLACES, MORE THINGS FOR THE YOUTH. SCHOOLS, SOME SCHOOLS DON'T

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1 EVEN HAVE THOSE TYPE OF THINGS, AND WE WANT TO OPEN THOSE TYPE
2 OF THINGS FOR THE YOUTH. AND THAT SAID, WHEN I WAS GROWING UP,
3 THERE WAS NOT THAT MANY THINGS FOR US. I REMEMBER WHEN I USED
4 TO GO TO A BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ONLY FOR ONE YEAR AND THAT WAS
5 IT. AND I THANK GOD THAT I'M STILL ALIVE, I'M STILL HERE AND
6 EVERYTHING. BUT EVEN THEN, I'VE SEEN A LOT OF MY FRIENDS THAT
7 JOIN INTO GANGS. I SAW ONE OF MY FRIENDS JUST PASSED AWAY A
8 COUPLE OF DAYS AGO BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE STREET VIOLENCE. SO,
9 I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN NO MORE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. MACHADO. TANISHA.

12

13 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
14 IS TANISHA DENARD WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I ALSO
15 WANT TO URGE YOU GUYS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND TO SPLIT THE
16 PROBATION FOR JUVENILES AND YOUTH. IN PARTICULAR, WHEN I WAS
17 ON PROBATION AS A JUVENILE, I WOULD NOTICE THAT THERE WERE A
18 LOT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE THE SAME THINGS THAT
19 ADULTS DEAL WITH. AND TO ME, I FEEL LIKE THERE SHOULD BE
20 DIFFERENT PROTOCOLS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THERE SHOULD BE SOME
21 TYPE OF YOUTH CENTERS OR SOME TYPE OF LIKE COMMUNITY CENTERS
22 THAT FALLS INTO PLACE AS THEIR REPORTING CENTER, BECAUSE AS A
23 YOUNG PERSON, YOU ARE BEING PUT ON PROBATION OR WHATEVER AND
24 YOU HAVE RESTITUTION TO PAY AND YOU COULD MEET ALL OF YOUR
25 TERMS, X, Y, AND Z, BUT IF YOU DON'T PAY RESTITUTION AND

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1 GETTING TO THAT POINT WHERE YOU'RE CHANGING INTO ADULthood,
2 THAT PROBATION CAN JUST AUTOMATICALLY FOLLOW YOU, JUST BEING
3 THAT IT'S IN THE SAME SYSTEM. AND I FEEL LIKE IF WE HAD YOUTH
4 CENTERS OR SOME TYPE OF REPORTING CENTERS, THEY WOULD GIVE YOU
5 SOME TYPE OF ALTERNATIVE TO DO MAYBE A PROGRAM, MAYBE SOME
6 TYPE OF ANYTHING TO GET A CERTIFICATE FOR YOU TO GET OFF OF
7 PROBATION OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND NOT TO MENTION THAT I
8 THINK THAT TREATING YOUNG PEOPLE AS IF THEY'RE ADULTS IS VERY
9 HARSH, EVEN THOUGH I FEEL LIKE THE PROBATION SYSTEM IS STILL
10 HARSH FOR ADULTS, BUT I FEEL THERE SHOULD DEFINITELY BE SOME
11 TYPE OF DIFFERENT PROTOCOLS, BECAUSE BEING ON PROBATION FROM A
12 JUVENILE INTO ADULthood ONLY KEEPS YOU IN THAT CYCLE. AND I
13 FEEL LIKE IF THERE WAS TWO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS OR SOMETHING
14 LIKE THAT, IT WOULD BE REALLY DIFFERENT. I ALSO WANT THE GIVE
15 YOU GUYS SOME VALENTINES CARDS THAT WERE MADE BY THE YOUNG
16 PEOPLE AT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. SO WE HAVE FOUR CARDS
17 HERE AND WE HAVE A BIG ONE HERE FOR OUR DISTRICT SUPERVISOR.
18 AND THANK YOU, GUYS, AND I URGE YOU GUYS TO ADOPT THE MOTION.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT WAS VERY SWEET
21 OF YOU. DID YOU HEAR THAT, MEMBERS? THERE'S VALENTINES.

22

23 **TANISHA DENARD:** YES, I DID. SUPERVISOR THOMAS IS OVER THERE
24 HAVING A PHOTO SHOOT WITH US. OKAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DAYVON?

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3 **JESUS SILVA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS
4 JESUS SILVA. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH. I AM HERE ON
5 BEHALF OF THE YOUTH TO GIVE YOU GUYS ALTERNATIVES TO
6 UNNECESSARY PROBATION SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN IN PROCEDURE
7 SINCE 2011. LIKE MY PARTNER JUST MENTIONED A COUPLE MINUTES
8 AGO, 53.3 PERCENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET IS SPENT
9 ON LAW ENFORCEMENT. SUCH FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT ON PROVIDING
10 SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT WOULD INCREASE THE QUALITY OF
11 LIFE FOR ALL LOS ANGELES YOUTH RATHER THAN FUNDING AND
12 CREATING CAGES AND PRISONS. THESE THINGS ARE KEY PREDICTORS OF
13 FUTURE JAIL TIME. BUT IT IS A NEED TO BE IF EARLY
14 INTERVENTIONS ARE PROVIDED. WE SHOULD SPEND MONEY ON WOMEN
15 STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN,
16 BUILDING HOUSING FOR YOUTH, TRANSITIONING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS,
17 PROVIDING SAFE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH, DEVELOPING
18 PROVIDING REENTRY PROGRAMS, AND SHARING THAT THE YOUTH LEAVING
19 THE JAIL SYSTEM REMAIN FREE OF IT, AND SANCTUARY FOR THOSE
20 AFFLICTED WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES, RATHER THAN FUNNELING THEM
21 DOWN THE JAIL SYSTEM. OVERALL, COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE YOUTH IS
22 LESS EXPENSIVE, MORE DIGNIFIED, AND TREATS PROBLEMS BEFORE
23 THEY ESCALATE. THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

24

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT I'D LIKE TO ASK DIANA
2 ZUNIGA, NATALIE PEREZ, NAYELI ADAN, JOSEPHINE LOPEZ, RUTH
3 SARNOFF. GO AHEAD, RUTH.

4

5 **RUTH SARNOFF:** YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHOSE CHILDREN
6 ARE GROWN, WHOSE GRANDCHILDREN ARE SOMEWHERE ELSE AND WHO
7 WOULD, I THINK, PARTICULARLY ENJOY BEING PART OF MENTORING
8 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND WOULD BE WILLING TO COME IN AND READ
9 STORIES AND HELP WITH GARDENING AND HELP WITH ALL KINDS OF
10 THINGS. I THINK THAT YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE THE SAME WAY.
11 THEY WANT TO DANCE. THEY WANT TO HAVE IMPORTANT, BEAUTIFUL
12 EXPERIENCES. THEY WANT TO BE CLOSE TO NATURE. IT WOULD BE NICE
13 TO GREEN UP SOME OF OUR FACILITIES IF KIDS ARE STILL
14 INCARCERATED OR NOT FREE TO COME AND GO, THEN WE SHOULD BRING
15 IT IN. I GIVE US AN EXAMPLE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S HAPPENED
16 ON SKID ROW, WHERE THE JEFF AND CATHERINE AT WHAT'S BECOME
17 CALLED THE HIPPIE KITCHEN OR CATHOLIC WORKER COMMUNITY
18 ACTUALLY TRANSFORMED THE INSIDE OF A BARREN BUILDING AND MADE
19 A BEAUTIFUL GARDENS WITH BENCHES AND TREES AND EVERYTHING. BUT
20 YOU CAN'T GO OUT AND TAKE KIDS OUT OF A BOX, PUT THEM IN
21 ANOTHER BOX, OR ANOTHER KIND OF RESTRICTED THING WITH NO
22 COLOR, NO BEAUTY, NO JOY, NO MUSIC, NO, YOU KNOW, NO ANIMALS,
23 NOTHING, YOU KNOW, NO SKIES. THAT'S INHUMAN, AND IT NEEDS TO
24 STOP. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR?

2

3 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** OKAY. HELLO. MY NAME IS DAYVON. I'M A MEMBER
4 OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE TO ASK THAT JUVENILE
5 AND ADULT PROBATION BE SEGREGATED, THAT INSTEAD OF YOUTH BEING
6 PUT ONTO PROBATION, THAT THE MONEY SHOULD BE REDIRECTED INTO A
7 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER. AS WE KNOW, IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT
8 LOS ANGELES DOES NOT HAVE THAT, AND WE ARE A POPULATION OF
9 OVER 4 MILLION PEOPLE, TO BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST CITIES. IT
10 SEEMS TO ME THAT PROBATION IS COMING TO MORE APPROACH OF
11 PUNISHMENT RATHER THAN REHABILITATION. AND I REMEMBER AS WHEN
12 I WAS A YOUTH PUT ON JUVENILE PROBATION, THEY THREATENED ME TO
13 GO BACK INTO JAIL WITH NOT HAVING A LIBRARY CARD. I HAD FINES
14 TO PAY THAT I DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY FOR AND ALL OTHER TYPE OF
15 THINGS LIKE THAT. THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SHOULD SEND
16 YOUNG PEOPLE ON A DIFFERENT PATH, TO NAVIGATE THEIR WAY INTO A
17 POSITIVE WAY AND THINGS LIKE THAT. SO, THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DIANE?

20

21 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA, AND I'M WITH
22 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. THE ANALYSIS OF
23 SEPARATING THE ADULT AND YOUTH PROBATION ENTITY SEEMS LIKE AN
24 IMPORTANT ONE AS ALL THIS TRANSITION IS HAPPENING WITHIN THE
25 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. ONE THING THAT ALSO NEEDS TO BE

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1 PRIORITIZED IS THE CREATION OF AN L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
2 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. THERE NEEDS TO BE AN EMPHASIS ON YOUTH
3 DEVELOPMENT, ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR YOUTH, AND
4 CARING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT JUST FOCUSING ON A PROBATION
5 DEPARTMENT BUT REALLY FOCUSING ON SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES
6 FOR PEOPLE TO STAY OUT OF INCARCERATION. AS THE INCARCERATED
7 JUVENILE POPULATION HAS DECREASED, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CREATE
8 AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES AND SUPPORT
9 THEIR THRIVING IN OUR COMMUNITIES, LIKE COMMUNITY CENTERS,
10 YOUTH JOBS, TRAUMA CENTERS AND MENTORS, RATHER THAN JUST
11 STRENGTHENING A SYSTEM THAT IS USED TO INCARCERATE THEM. I
12 USED TO ACTUALLY WORK AT A PLACEMENT FACILITY CALLED OPTIMIST
13 YOUTH HOMES. AND WHEN I WORKED THERE, IT WAS REALLY HARD FOR
14 ME TO CONTINUE TO SEE THE CYCLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE COMING IN AND
15 OUT OF THE SYSTEM AGAIN AND AGAIN. WE PROVIDED TREATMENT AND
16 COUNSELING AND SERVICES AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES
17 FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WERE A PART OF THE SYSTEM, BUT AGAIN
18 AND AGAIN WE SAW THEM COME BACK. SOME OF THEM WERE EVEN -- WE
19 LOST THEM ON THE STREETS, AS WELL. IT WAS REALLY HARD TO SEE.
20 AND FOR THAT REASON, I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO CREATE AN
21 INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE
22 MOST DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THIS SO THAT THEY DON'T CONTINUE TO
23 GO INTO THE SYSTEM, WHETHER THAT'S AT A PLACEMENT FACILITY OR
24 IN A JUVENILE HALL OR AT A CAMP. THEY NEED RESOURCES AND THEY
25 NEED THE SUPPORT. SO THANK YOU.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NATALIE PEREZ, NAYELI ADAN,
3 JOSEPHINE LOPEZ. THEY HAD TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. OKAY. THANK
4 YOU. WE HAVE SHELIA WARD, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, JOSEPH
5 MAIZLISH.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
8 DISTRICT, AND I APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTING
9 THEIR ATTENTION TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND TO
10 IMPROVEMENTS. I THINK OBVIOUSLY THE YOUTH PROBATION IS A
11 SEPARATE KIND OF A MATTER. WE'VE HEARD FROM MULTIPLE
12 TESTIFIERS TODAY ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO TRY TO NURTURE,
13 TO PROVIDE A SECOND CHANCE. OBVIOUSLY SOME OF THESE ARE
14 DANGEROUS CHARACTERS. BUT NONETHELESS, WHEN YOU'RE A YOUNG
15 PERSON, YOU'RE MALEABLE AND THERE'S A FUTURE AND IT NEEDS TO
16 BE CULTIVATED, NOT QUASHED, WHICH HAS BEEN UNFORTUNATELY THE
17 RESULT OF SOME OF OUR EFFORTS. WE ARE ROLLING OUT LOTS OF
18 PROGRAMS, OR WE'RE GOING TO GET A CONSULTANT WHO'S GOING TO
19 HELP CONSIDER THOSE PROGRAMS. BUT WE ALSO NEED TO UNDERSTAND
20 THAT INCARCERATING PEOPLE AS PART OF THE PROBATION TOUR IS A
21 REAL PROBLEM, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MADE THAT VERY CLEAR
22 IN PARAGRAPH 73 WHEN THEY SAID LET THEM ALL OUT, THAT ANYONE
23 WHO IS NOT REALLY DANGEROUS NEEDS TO BE OUT. AND I THINK THAT
24 THAT'S IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW UP ON. AND THIS DEPARTMENT SHOULD
25 LOOK FORTHWITH AND THE MONITORING. THIS IS 2016. WE ARE ALL

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1 WIRED UP WITH IPHONES AND STUFF. WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO
2 MEANINGFULLY, IF WE NEED TO KEEP TRACK OF PEOPLE, DO SO USING
3 TECHNOLOGY TODAY THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE SENTINEL OFFENDER
4 SERVICES, A GROUP THAT HAS BEEN MOCKING THE PUBLIC OF LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY FOR YEARS WITH THE NONSENSE
6 PROVISION OF JUST STUFF THAT MADE SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAVE TO BE
7 LOOSEN THE CUFF OF HER SPHYGMOMANOMETER. IT IS TIME TO BRING
8 THOSE SOLUTIONS FORWARD. IT IS TIME TO GET THE C.B.A.S, WHICH
9 MEANS COMMUNITY-BASED SOMETHING-OR-OTHERS, ORGANIZATIONS, IN
10 THE COMMUNITY FUNDED AND SET UP TO HELP PROBATION, WHICH IS IN
11 ALL OF OUR INTERESTS, BECAUSE RECIDIVISM BEING WHAT IT IS, WE
12 DON'T WANT TO GROW YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE BIG INCARCERATION
13 SYSTEM. WE WANT TO TREAT PEOPLE WHERE THEY CAN BE TREATED.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

16

17 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. LITTLE
18 LESS THAN 400 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS A COURT,
19 AS A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS A CITY HALL, AS JAILS, AS
20 PROBATION. WHY? BECAUSE WE WERE LIVING AS GODS AND GODDESSES
21 IN THIS LAND. WE WORSHIPPED GOD FIRST, A HI-YI-YI-YI-YI-YI-YA
22 FOUR TIMES A YEAR GIVING PRAISE AND THANKS, ALL PRAISES AND
23 THANKS, TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE SUMMER, FOR THE WINTER,
24 FOR THE SPRING AND THE FALL. NOW TODAY, WHAT ARE OUR YOUTH
25 DOING? THEY'RE CALLED BIPOLAR AND SCHIZOPHRENIC. WHY? BECAUSE

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1 HERE YOU YOU ARE AN EAGLE AND SOMEBODY IS TRYING TO TELLING
2 YOU TO PRACTICE TO BE A DUCK. WE'RE NOT DUCKS. WE'RE EAGLES.
3 FIRST OF ALL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO INCARCERATE OUR PEOPLE AND
4 PUT THEM INTO POLITICAL SLAVERY, THEN HAVE A BLACK PERSON, A
5 PERSON OF THEIR OWN RACE, TRAIN THEM AND TEACH THEM TO NOT GO
6 THAT WAY AGAIN. IF YOU ARE ORIENTAL, THE SAME GOES FOR YOU.
7 WHEN I GREW UP, BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCKED TOGETHER. THE
8 ORIENTALS HAD THEIR OWN PLACE. I WAS IN NEW ORLEANS. BLACK
9 PEOPLE WERE THE ONLY ONES THAT DIDN'T HAVE A PLACE. THE
10 SPANISH, THE ORIENTALS, EVERYBODY HAD A GROCERY STORE --

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM.

13

14 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** MADAME, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. MA'AM, YOU'RE
15 OFF TOPIC.

16

17 **SHELIAH WARD:** IT IS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PROBATION. AND
18 I'M TALK -- I CHECKED OTHER. OTHER MEANS AN OUNCE OF
19 PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE. IF YOU DON'T WANT
20 SOMEBODY ON PROBATION, THEN DO SOMETHING TO PREVENT THIS FROM
21 HAPPENING. AND I'M GIVING YOU EXAMPLES, SINCE YOU FORGOT. I'M
22 65. HOW OLD ARE YOU? OKAY, I'M TALKING ABOUT EXPERIENCES I
23 WENT THROUGH. AND THIS THING DID NOT EXIST WHEN I GREW UP. SO,
24 WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT TO MAKE THIS THING STOP HAPPENING
25 INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT MAKING SOMETHING HAPPEN.

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2 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** MA'AM, YOUR CONDUCT IS DISRUPTIVE AT
3 THIS POINT. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT YOU BE REMOVED. [OFF MIC
4 COMMENTS.]

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARNOLD SACHS?

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS,
9 AND I BELIEVE WHEN THIS DISCUSSION STARTED, I THINK,
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU MENTIONED THAT GOVERNMENT WAS LIKE AN
11 ACCORDIAN. AND, YOU KNOW, THAT IS REALLY AN APT DESCRIPTION. I
12 COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. BOTH EXPEL GASES WHEN THEY MAKE
13 NOISE. I'M THINKING OF SOME OF THE HISTORY HERE, AND YOU
14 MENTIONED, SOMEBODY MENTIONED THAT 10 YEARS YOU'VE HAD
15 PROBLEMS WITH PROBATION. DONALD BLEVINS WAS THE PROBATION
16 HEAD, AND JERRY POWERS TOOK OVER AND HE WAS A TURN-AROUND
17 PERSON, AND NOW WE HAVE SOMEBODY ELSE WHO'S GOING TO BE A
18 TURN-AROUND PERSON. AND PEOPLE HAVE COME UP HERE AND SAY WHAT
19 YOU SHOULD, SHOULD, SHOULD, SHOULD, SHOULD BE DOING. YOU KNOW,
20 YOUR BUDGET HAS INCREASED BY \$6 BILLION, ALMOST 25 PERCENT IN
21 THE LAST 7 YEARS. THAT'S \$6 BILLION. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH
22 \$6 BILLION? WHAT, WHAT, WHAT INSTEAD OF SHOULD, SHOULD,
23 SHOULD? WHEN DO YOU START ANSWERING THAT WHAT, WHAT, WHAT,
24 INSTEAD OF HIRING CONSULTANTS? AND SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU
25 KNOW, I SPOKE TO YOUR PERSON WHO MAKES UP THESE REPORTS, AND

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1 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ITEM NO. 9, THE FIRST PARAGRAPH REPEATS
2 ITSELF WITH THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH AND THE SECOND PARAGRAPH
3 REPEATS ITSELF WITH THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH AND THE THIRD
4 PARAGRAPH REPEATS ITSELF WITH THE SEVENTH PARAGRAPH. ENGAGE A
5 CONSULTANT WITH EXPERTISE IN PROBATION SYSTEM REFORM EFFORTS,
6 AND THEN ENGAGE CONSULTANT WITH EXPERTISE IN PROBATION SYSTEM
7 REFORM EFFORTS, ANALYZE LOGISTICS OF CHANGING THE PROBATION
8 DEPARTMENT TO ANALYZE LOGISTICS IN CHANGING THE PROBATION
9 DEPARTMENT. THE LAST LINE ON PAGE 6. AND THEN THE OTHER PART
10 IS ASSESSING DIFFERENT EXEMPLARS AND PROMOTING REHABILITATION.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S JUST THE SAME THING. SO WASH, RINSE,
15 REPEAT.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP.

18

19 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. JOE MAIZLISH. I'M A
20 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST WHO IS STILL UNHAPPY ABOUT MY
21 PROFESSIONAL TITLE HAVING BEEN CHANGED FROM MARRIAGE, FAMILY
22 AND CHILD COUNSELOR. AND I WAS ALSO FOR A YEAR A CONTRACT
23 WORKER FOR A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION PROVIDING COUNSELING
24 SERVICES, GROUP SERVICES TO ADOLESCENTS ON PROBATION VIA THE
25 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. DURING MY FEDERAL IMPRISONMENT TIME, I

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1 WAS STUCK FOR A FEW WEEKS IN A YOUTH REFORMATORY, AND I
2 REMEMBER OVERHEARING A CONVERSATION IN THE SEGREGATION
3 DEPARTMENT SECTION BETWEEN A COUPLE OF YOUNGSTERS. ONE OF THEM
4 SAID TO THE OTHER, "YEAH, EVERY TIME I GO OUT OF THESE PLACES,
5 I LOOK UP AT THESE FENCES AND TOWERS AND I JUST WONDER HOW
6 LONG IT'LL BE TILL I'M BACK IN JAIL, AND BEFORE I KNOW IT I'M
7 BACK IN JAIL AGAIN. AND HIS CO-CONVERSATIONIST SAID "YEAH,
8 JAIL DOES SOMETHING TO YOUR MIND." WELL, IT'S NOT VERY DEEP
9 CONTEMPLATION, BUT IT SUPPORTS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN HEARING FROM
10 MANY PEOPLE HERE, TOO. BUT ONE THING IS MISSING IN THIS VERY
11 GOOD, COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, AND I COMPLIMENT THE PEOPLE WHO
12 INTEGRATED THE VARIOUS MOTIONS TO PUT IT TOGETHER, AND THAT
13 IS, LIKE EVERY ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE EFFORT, IT STARTS WITH A
14 NEED ASSESSMENT. THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT IS NOT JUST TALKING TO A
15 FEW STAFFERS, WHO MAY VERY WELL KNOW WHAT THEY NEED, AND IT'S
16 NOT JUST GRABBING A GOOD IDEA, AS THE DIVISION BETWEEN YOUTH
17 AND ADULTS SEEMS TO BE TO ME, BUT THE KIND OF OPEN PROCESS
18 THAT YOU HAD WITH THE C.C.J.V., WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS, SO THAT
19 CLIENTS, PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE PROBATION SYSTEM,
20 STAFFERS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, ALL OF THEM CAN MAKE THEIR
21 PERCEPTION OF THE PROBLEMS KNOWN SO THAT THE CONSULTANT WILL
22 NOT BE WORKING WITH SOMETHING THAT IS NOW HEAVILY TILTED
23 TOWARD STRUCTURAL CHANGE. THAT MAY INDEED BE THE OUTCOME, BUT
24 LET'S REMEMBER THE WARNING OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WE DON'T
25 WANT TO HAVE ACTIVITY AND NOT ACHIEVEMENT. AND A LOT OF THAT

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1 DEPENDS ON HOW CAREFULLY WE STUDY THE PROBLEMS AT THE
2 BEGINNING AND THEN DECIDE ON THE SOLUTIONS AND CHANGES NEEDED.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. MARY JACOBS?

6

7 **MARY JACOBS:** I'M A LANDLORD OF SORTS, EXCEPT I DON'T GET VERY
8 MUCH MONEY, BECAUSE MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN MY HOUSE
9 ARE FROM THE GANG. THEY ARE IN AND OUT OF JAIL, AND THEY ARE
10 ON PROBATION OR OFF. THERE'S VERY FEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM
11 TO GET WORK AND EVEN LESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO TURN THEIR
12 LIVES AROUND. AND THEY GET TO BE 30, 40, 50 YEARS OLD. THEY
13 HAVE NO INTEREST IN DOING THE THINGS THEY DO AS A TEENAGER,
14 BUT THAT STIGMA STAYS WITH THEM FOR THE REST OF THEIR
15 EMPLOYABLE YEARS. AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S GOOD TO PUT
16 MONEY INTO THIS, BUT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER HOUSING AND SPECIAL
17 PROGRAMS THAT WILL MAKE THEM FEEL A PART OF THE COMMUNITY.
18 WHEN I WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH ONE OF THE TENANTS WHO WAS IN
19 AND OUT OF JAIL SO MANY TIMES, I REMEMBER HIM AS A TEACHER. I
20 HAD HIM AS A STUDENT, BECAUSE I GOT INTO TROUBLE SO MANY
21 TIMES. AND OBVIOUSLY HE WENT TO JUVENILE HALL. AND HE, BY THE
22 TIME HE'S 30 YEARS OLD, HE'S BEEN IN JAIL MORE THAN HE'S BEEN
23 OUT OF JAIL. IT'S HARD TO FIX THESE PROBLEMS. IT'S REALLY
24 HARD. AND HE GOT VIOLENT WITH MY HUSBAND AND ME, AND NOW HE'S
25 GOING TO MAYBE SERVE FIVE YEARS. AND IT'S SO UNFAIR, BECAUSE

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1 HE DID NOTHING TO REALLY, ACTUALLY CAUSE US HARM. AND YET
2 THERE'S PEOPLE THAT I KNOW THAT ARE WHITE AND THEY ARE GOOD
3 LOOKING AND THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES NICER AND THEY DO WORSE
4 THINGS AND THEY'RE NOT IN JAIL. AND I HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT
5 THE DISCRIMINATION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT IS NOT
6 GETTING RID OF A PERSON WHO LIVES IN SANTA MONICA WHO IS NOT
7 EVEN FROM THIS COUNTRY AND GETS AWAY WITH HITTING MY HUSBAND
8 NOT ONCE BUT TWICE IN THE HEAD AND JUMPING ON HIM AND HITTING
9 HIM AND THROWING HIM DOWN THE STAIRS. AND SHE GOT AWAY WITH
10 IT, BECAUSE SHE'S PRETTY AND SHE LOOKS LIKE SANDRA BULLOCK.
11 AND THIS GUY'S GOING TO SERVE FIVE YEARS FOR ALMOST HURTING MY
12 HUSBAND. THIS IS NOT FAIR, AND I THINK YOU SHOULD INVESTIGATE.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC
15 WITNESSES ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS ITEM P-1, NO. 9, AND WE HAVE A
16 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I'M PREPARED TO MOVE THE
19 MOTION AS AMENDED AND TRUST THAT THERE WOULD BE A UNANIMOUS
20 VOTE.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH
23 WILL BE THE ORDER.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I ADDRESS MY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO
5 CAME TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE MOTION.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP
8 39-B AT THIS TIME, AND I AM ASKING FOR SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION,
9 WHICH WOULD, AS YOU KNOW, DIRECT THE COUNTY SACRAMENTO
10 ADVOCATES, OUR LEGISLATIVE TEAM, TO SUPPORT INCREASED FUNDING
11 INFORM ARE THE EXIDE CLEANUP. THIS ISN'T A NEW ISSUE. IT'S ONE
12 THAT THIS BOARD SPOKE ON AND SUPPORTED BEFORE. IN FACT, LAST
13 OCTOBER, WE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SET ASIDE \$2 MILLION TO FUND
14 THE TESTING, HEALTH EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTHCARE FOR SOME
15 OF THE RESIDENTS AFFECTED IN THAT AREA. I'M CERTAIN SOME OF
16 YOU HAVE RECENTLY REVIEWED SOME OF THE NEWSPAPERS AND SOME OF
17 THE ATTENTION THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THIS MATTER. IN FACT,
18 TWO WEEKS AGO, WE HAD SEVERAL CONSTITUENTS FROM THE AREA THAT
19 ATTENDED ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EXIDE. WE HAD WELL OVER 50
20 COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE
21 STORIES THAT WERE RELAYED FROM ACTUAL CONSTITUENTS REGARDING
22 THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE EXIDE PLANT REGARDING ARSENIC AND
23 SOME OF THE IMPACTS THAT LEAD POISONING HAVE ON INDIVIDUALS
24 WERE VERY MUCH RECEIVED BY THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS. SOME JOINED
25 US EVEN IN THAT PRESENTATION AND ALSO CALLED OUT FOR THE

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1 GOVERNOR TO MOVE LEGISLATIVELY TO HELP PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
2 CLEANUP AT AT LEAST THE MOST PRIORITIZED, THE MOST DANGEROUS
3 HOUSEHOLDS THAT WE KNOW HAVE TOXICITY LEVELS ABOVE 1,000 PARTS
4 PER MILLION. WE KNOW THAT THE MONEY THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SET
5 ASIDE BY THE GOVERNOR IS NOT SUFFICIENT. SO WE'RE ASKING OUR
6 LEGISLATIVE TEAM TO MOVE FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE
7 ASSISTANCE AND REMEDIATION FOR THOSE THOUSAND HOMES AND
8 PRIORITIZE THE CLEANUP NOT ONLY INSIDE BUT OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES
9 AND THEN CREATE AN ASSESSMENT TOOL SO THAT WE CAN LOOK AT THE
10 10,000 HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE ALSO BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC AND SUBSTANCE CONTROL FOR THAT CLEANUP.
12 I'M HONORED TO KNOW THAT SO MANY OTHERS HAVE COME FORWARD AND
13 HAVE OFFERED THEIR ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING MEMBERS ON THIS
14 BOARD. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE FIGHT GOES ON. THERE ARE
15 OTHER SIMILAR ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES GOING AROUND THE COUNTY
16 RIGHT NOW, AS YOU WELL KNOW. ONE IS PORTER RANCH. AND WE NOW
17 HAVE EXIDE BEFORE US. EXIDE HAS BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF AT
18 LEAST, I WOULD SAY, PROBABLY 2-1/2, MAYBE MORE YEARS IN
19 OVERSIGHT BY DIFFERENT STATE AND LEGISLATIVE AND FEDERAL
20 GROUPS, BUT NO ACTION HAS REALLY BEEN PROVIDED TO HELP PROVIDE
21 REMEDIATION AND CLEANUP. SO I ASK THE BOARD TODAY TO JOIN ME
22 IN SENDING THIS LETTER FORWARD, TO HELPING TO INFORM ALSO THE
23 CONSTITUENTS OF THE NEED TO BE TESTED AND TO ADVOCATE FOR
24 SUFFICIENT FUNDING, WHATEVER THAT MIGHT BE DEEMED FIT BY THE
25 GOVERNOR. BUT WE NEED TO BE UNITED IN THIS VOICE. AND I WANT

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1 TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY AND
2 THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT WE ALL REPRESENT. SO
3 I WOULD ASK APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I'D BE GLAD TO SECOND THAT. I JUST
6 WOULD THANK YOU FOR YOUR VIGILANCE ON THIS AND PERSISTENCE.
7 OBVIOUSLY, IN LIGHT OF WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND US, IT COULD GET
8 LOST IN THE SHUFFLE. AND IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT'S
9 BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT WE CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOU, WE'RE THERE.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO BEFORE WE TAKE THIS UP FOR A VOTE, WE
16 WILL CALL UP ARNOLD SACHS AND SHELIAH WARD.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, ARNOLD
19 SACHS, AND I'M SOMEWHAT SURPRISED. I DON'T SEE ANYBODY FROM
20 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH AN ASSESSMENT. I DON'T SEE ANYBODY
21 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WITH AN ASSESSMENT. I
22 DON'T SEE ANYBODY FROM ANY COUNTY AGENCY WITH AN ASSESSMENT.
23 YET EVERY TIME YOU HAD A PORTER RANCH ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA,
24 EVERYBODY MARCHED OUT HERE, RANK AND FILE, SAID THIS, THAT AND
25 THE OTHER. DON'T SEE ANYBODY FROM EXIDE. DIDN'T THEY SETTLE SO

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1 THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE FINED FOR COMMITTING THE FELONY OF THIS
2 POLLUTION? BY THE WAY, HOW MANY OF THOSE 10,000 HOMES ARE
3 EMPTY? HOW MANY OF THOSE 10,000 HOMES, THE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN
4 RELOCATED, BEEN FUNDED INTO HOTELS AND MOTELS? HOW MANY OF
5 THEM HAVE COMPLAINED? YOU KNOW, I WAS THINKING MAYBE THEY
6 SHOULD WRITE -- LIKE YOU READ THE L.A. TIMES, THEY'LL PUT OUT
7 THE NEWSPAPER, THEY'LL PUT OUT THE MAGAZINE FOR THE OSCARS AND
8 THEY'LL HAVE A LITTLE SECTION IN THE NEWSPAPER. THEY SHOULD
9 PUT OUT A NEWSPAPER FOR EXIDE. AND THEY SHOULD SAY EXIDE. AND
10 THEY COULD SEND IT TO EVERYBODY FROM PORTER RANCH, BECAUSE
11 EVERYBODY WHO COMPLAINS FROM PORTER RANCH ABOUT ANY SYMPTOMS
12 THAT THEY'RE SUFFERING, JUST TALK TO THE PEOPLE FROM EXIDE,
13 BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR 30 YEARS. GETTING LOST IN
14 THE SHUFFLE? A 30-YEAR SHUFFLE? THAT'S A GOOD DANCE. MAN, 30-
15 YEARS SHUFFLE. SOUNDS WONDERFUL. BUT, YEAH. WHAT ABOUT THE
16 DISCUSSION ABOUT WHERE THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RELOCATED?
17 BARBARA BOXER STEPPED IN FOR PORTER RANCH AND SAID AN OUTSIDE
18 ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE DONE ON THE CONTAMINATED AIR BEFORE
19 PEOPLE MOVE BACK IN. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, BARBARA, ON THE
20 CONTAMINATED GROUND AT EXIDE? WHERE HAS EVERYBODY BEEN? YOU
21 KNOW, IT'S FASCINATING THAT NOBODY SAID, "DO YOU KNOW WHAT? WE
22 TOTALLY MISSED THE BALL." OH, AND YOU'RE OUT OF TIME.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS?

25

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1 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I
2 THANK GOD FOR THIS COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE WHO LAID DOWN THE
3 LAWS. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK AND SAY WHAT I WISH FOR TWO
4 MINUTES. IF I'M AN IDIOT, LET ME BE AN IDIOT STILL. LAST WEEK,
5 I SPOKE ABOUT ORANGES AND YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT COMPUTERS.
6 NOBODY DISRUPTED ME. THIS WEEK, I'M BEING DISRUPTED BY
7 KNUCKLEHEADS THAT NEED TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND LEARN THE LAWS
8 THAT THEY'RE SITTING UP REPRESENTING. AS IT PERTAINS TO WHAT'S
9 HAPPENING IN PORTER RANCH, THIS IS WHAT'S HAPPENING ALL OVER
10 THIS LAND. THERE'S POLLUTION UNDERNEATH THE WATERS, POLLUTION
11 ON TOP OF THE LAND. I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A RULE THAT THEY
12 WERE SUPPOSED TO COME TO YOU PEOPLE IN THE BEGINNING BEFORE
13 THEY EVEN STARTED THIS CONSTRUCTION OF POLLUTION. THEY WERE
14 SUPPOSED TO GET PERMISSION FOR THE PEOPLE FIRST. THEY WERE
15 SUPPOSED TO SET DOWN LAWS AND DO FEASIBILITY STUDIES TO MAKE
16 SURE THAT WHATEVER THEY'RE DRILLING, WHATEVER THEY'RE DOING IS
17 APROPOS FOR WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR SOCIETY TODAY FOR WE AS
18 HUMAN BEINGS. THIS IS THE ONLY EARTH THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW.
19 IT USED TO BE A MOON. IT'S NOT A MOON NOW. I MEAN IT USED TO
20 BE THE SUN. IT'S NOT THE SUN NOW. NOW IT'S THE EARTH. BUT IT
21 WILL TURN INTO A MOON LIKE THE MOON WE USED TO LIVE ON. AND IT
22 WILL BE THAT FASTER THAN IMAGINABLE IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING
23 ABOUT THE POLLUTION THAT'S HAPPENING ON THIS EARTH THAT IS
24 DESTROYING THE AIR, THE LAND AND THE ANIMALS IN THE OCEAN AND
25 PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING BORN THAT ARE BREATHING THIS AIR. WE'RE

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1 NOT ABLE TO LIVE AS AS LONG AS AS WE USED TO. WE'RE DYING OF
2 CANCER OF THE LUNG, OF EVERYTHING INSIDE OF OUR HUMAN BODIES
3 AS A DIRECT RESULT OF POLLUTION. PLASTIC IS POLLUTION. YES,
4 400 YEARS AGO THERE WAS NO POLLUTION HERE, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T
5 MAKE THINGS LIKE PLASTIC AND DIDN'T DRILL INSANE THINGS IN THE
6 GROUND TO MAKE POLLUTION SO THAT PEOPLE CAN DIE.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S BEEN
9 MOVED AND SECONDED. THERE'S NO OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE
10 ORDER. WE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR
11 SOME PRESENTATIONS THAT HE MISSED EARLIER TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THOSE WHO WERE WATCHING ON TELEVISION, I
14 JUST LEFT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY OF ENERGY, WHO
15 IS HERE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. RELATIVE TO THE ALISO CANYON GAS
16 LEAK, WHERE I'VE BEEN WITH THE MAYOR AND CONGRESSMAN BRAD
17 SHERMAN AND STEVE KNIGHT DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH THE
18 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE GAS COMPANY. SO, THAT WAS THE
19 REASON WHY I WAS LATE, BECAUSE I WAS AT CHATSWORTH AT THE GAS
20 COMPANY. AND ON THE SIDE, I STILL BELIEVE THAT THEY OUGHT TO
21 RECOGNIZE THAT THOSE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE 30 DAYS BEFORE THEY
22 MOVE INTO THEIR HOME TO ENSURE THAT THE GAS IS NOT
23 CONTAMINATING THE RESIDENCE. SO I SUPPORT THE PUBLIC HEALTH
24 DEPARTMENT AND I SHARED THAT INFORMATION WITH THE SECRETARY
25 ALONG WITH SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY, WHO WAS THERE AND SUPPORTING

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1 OF HER LEGISLATION. AND SHE WAS VERY ADROIT IN DISCUSSING WHY
2 THAT LEGISLATION IS NEEDED. SO NOW I WANT TO RECOGNIZE CAPTAIN
3 DON FORD, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 35 YEARS TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY AS A SHERIFF. THE CAPTAIN BEGAN HIS CAREER WHEN
5 HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL WORKING AS A TELEPHONE OPERATOR FOR THE
6 NORWALK STATION IN 1976. HE THEN GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY IN
7 1981. HE SPENT 15 MONTHS IN THE COUNTY JAILS AND THEN
8 REASSIGNED TO THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION AS A PATROL
9 DEPUTY. IN 1994, HE WAS REASSIGNED TO WORK AT THE OLD ANTELOPE
10 VALLEY SHERIFF'S STATION IN LANCASTER, WHERE THE ANTELOPE
11 VALLEY SHERIFF'S STATION DIVIDED BETWEEN LANCASTER AND
12 PALMDALE. AFTER THAT, HE STAYED AT THE LANCASTER STATION,
13 WHERE HE BECAME THE OPERATING SERGEANT, AND THEN IN THE YEAR
14 2000, 16 YEARS AGO, HE WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT, SERVED AT
15 THE CASTAIC JAIL. THREE YEARS LATER, REASSIGNED TO PALMDALE'S
16 SHERIFF STATION AND IN 2013 PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN. HE HAS HAD A
17 LONG AND SUCCESSFUL SELFLESS CAREER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS
18 ANGELES AND WILL BE MISSED, AND HE'S ALSO INVOLVED IN
19 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. AND IT'S LIKE A SMALL TOWN UP THERE,
20 BECAUSE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOLS,
21 THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, THE NONPROFITS, AND WE
22 APPRECIATED DON'S LEADERSHIP. SO, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SHERIFF DON FORD:** I'D LIKE TO JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK ALL
25 OF THE SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR THE

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1 SUPPORT THEY'VE GIVEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVER THE YEARS.
2 YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES TIMES CAN GET TOUGH, BUT YOU'VE ALWAYS
3 BEEN THERE FOR US AND YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD OUR BEST INTEREST AT
4 HEART AND IT'S REALLY BEEN GREAT TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE OF
5 L.A. COUNTY AND TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW I WANT TO INTRODUCE SOMEBODY WHO IS
9 REALLY ONE OF A TRILLION, NOT ONE OUT OF A MILLION BUT ONE OUT
10 OF A TRILLION, AND THIS IS MOSHE KAI CAVALIN, TO TODAY'S BOARD
11 MEETING. HE IS THE YOUNGEST STUDENT IN THE UNITED STATES, THE
12 YOUNGEST STUDENT IN THE UNITED STATES TO EARN AN ASSOCIATE OF
13 ARTS DEGREE WHEN HE GRADUATED FROM EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE AT
14 THE AGE OF 11 WITH A 4.0 G.P.A. HE LATER EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S
15 OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
16 CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 15. AT AGE 17, HE'S NOW
17 ON TRACK TO EARN HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
18 IN COMPUTER SCIENCES AND CYBER SECURITY MANAGEMENT. HE
19 CURRENTLY SERVES AS A SOFTWARE ARCHITECT FOR N.A.S.A. AT ITS
20 ARMSTRONG RESEARCH CENTER AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, FIFTH
21 DISTRICT, OUT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE IS A LICENSED
22 AIRCRAFT PILOT, CERTIFIED ETHICAL HACKER, SCUBA DIVER,
23 DECORATED MARTIAL ARTIST, SKILLED SHARPSHOOTER. PIANIST,
24 DANCER, FLUENT IN MANDARIN, -- AND PROFICIENT IN FRENCH,
25 PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH. AND WE ALL HAVE A HARD TIME LEARNING

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1 ENGLISH HERE. SO, MOSHE, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU. YOU'RE A
2 GREAT ROLE MODEL FOR OUR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE, AND GOD BLESS
3 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **MOSHE KAI CAVALIN:** I JUST WANT TO JUST MAKE IT SHORT AND
6 SWEET. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS WELL AS OTHER
7 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION. THANK YOU VERY
8 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A 12-WEEK-OLD CHIHUAHUA, PENNY, THE
11 SIZE OF A PENNY. LITTLE PENNY HERE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. A
12 LOT OF LITTLE LOVE. 562-256-1649. LITTLE PENNY WILL BRING TONS
13 AND TONS OF SMILES TO YOU. SEE ANYBODY OUT THERE, PENNY, YOU
14 LIKE? LOOK AT THE LADIES OVER THERE. THEY WOULD LOVE YOU, I
15 KNOW. AND THE AUDIENCE. SO LITTLE PENNY HERE WHO WOULD LIKE
16 UNCLE MARK. SAY HI TO UNCLE MARK. HOW ABOUT UNCLE GINO? HUH,
17 LITTLE PENNY, HUH? HE COULD BE UNDERCOVER FOR THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT. IT'S REALLY A GERMAN SHEPHERD WHEN YOU UNZIP HIM.
19 OKAY, PENNY.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING GO TO THE ITEM R-2,
22 THE HEALTH AGENCY. WE WILL HAVE OUR DIRECTOR OF OUR HEALTH
23 AGENCY COME FORWARD AND HIS STAFF. OUR NEW DIRECTOR, MITCH
24 KATZ, HEALTH AGENCY.

25

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1 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME PRESIDENT. DR.
2 MITCH KATZ, HEALTH AGENCY DIRECTOR. I'M VERY PROUD TO BE HERE
3 WITH CYNTHIA HARDING, WHO IS THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WELL AS DR. ROBIN KAY, WHO'S
5 THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND THE MOST
6 IMPORTANT THING THAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU ISN'T ON ANY OF THE
7 SLIDES. IT'S THE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING REALLY WELL TOGETHER.
8 I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL HEAR THROUGHOUT THE PRESENTATION,
9 THAT THERE IS A POSITIVE SPIRIT, THAT THE POSITIVE SPIRIT
10 EXISTS AT THE LEVEL OF THE DIRECTORS, THAT THE POSITIVE SPIRIT
11 EXISTS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE EXCITED, WHO
12 ARE MEETING TOGETHER, OFTEN PEOPLE THAT THEY'VE NEVER MET
13 BEFORE OR THEY'VE NEVER TALKED TO AND YET THEY'RE DOING
14 SIMILAR WORK. AND THERE IS A SENSE OF TREMENDOUS EXCITEMENT.
15 WE'RE GOING TO SHARE IN DOING THE PRESENTATION. NOT GOING TO
16 READ OFF. THESE ARE YOUR EIGHT STRATEGIC PRIORITIES THAT WE'RE
17 WORKING ON. I WILL JUST HIT SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS, THAT IN
18 CONSUMER ACCESS AND EXPERIENCE WE NOW HAVE MENTAL HEALTH
19 SPECIALISTS WHO ARE READING E-CONSULTS SENT BY GENERALISTS
20 LIKE MYSELF AND PROVIDING ADVICE, THAT THE 21 STAFF IN THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CAN READ THE D.H.S. ORCHID SYSTEM,
22 CAN SEE THE FINANCIAL SCREENING AND ELIGIBILITY, AND CAN
23 SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT PEOPLE HAVING TO GO THROUGH
24 DUPLICATE REGISTRATION. AND WE ARE WORKING ON THAT WITH PUBLIC
25 HEALTH WHEREBY WHEN PUBLIC HEALTH HAS A PATIENT WHO NEEDS A

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1 CLINIC VISIT FOR PRIMARY CARE, THE PHYSICIANS AND OTHER
2 CLINICAL STAFF IN CINDY'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO SEND THEM
3 TO US, AS WILL THOSE IN MENTAL HEALTH. WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER
4 OF CO-LOCATED SITES THAT ARE FUNCTIONING WELL. MADAME
5 PRESIDENT, I KNOW YOU'LL ENJOY, IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, YOU'LL
6 SEE THAT THESE CLINICIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT THE CYCLO DE
7 DEPRESION OR DEPRIMIDOS FOR THEIR PATIENTS. THIS IS A
8 COLLABORATION OF PHYSICAL HEALTH DOCTORS AND MENTAL HEALTH
9 PEOPLE. AND I CHALLENGE ANY OF YOU TO LOOK AT THIS SLIDE AND
10 SAY WHO ARE THE MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE AND WHO ARE THE PHYSICAL
11 HEALTH PEOPLE. THEY'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER. WE CONTINUE TO
12 MAKE PROGRESS ON FUTURE CO-LOCATION SITES WITH PUBLIC HEALTH.
13 WE HAVE THREE SITES THAT WE THINK CAN WORK WELL IN ADDITION TO
14 THE TWO THAT ARE COLLOCATED. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
15 HEALTH HAS MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS IN PREPARING TO BE ON THE
16 ORCHID SYSTEM. HOUSING, ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WE WANTED TO
17 DO WAS JUST TAKE AN INVENTORY, JUST BE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND
18 OUR JOINT RESOURCES FOR HELPING THE COUNTY TO END
19 HOMELESSNESS. AND THIS IS AN IMPRESSIVE LIST. IT SHOWS THAT
20 THERE IS A LOT OF RESOURCE BETWEEN THE THREE DEPARTMENTS. AND
21 WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON, AND I LIKE THE ANALOGY OF THE FLIGHT
22 CONTROLLER, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE USING THE
23 RESOURCES WISELY. THAT WE ARE GETTING THE PEOPLE WHO NEED TO
24 BE IN THE PARTICULAR HOUSING UNIT TO THAT UNIT. THIS SHOWS YOU
25 HOW NICE THE M.L.K. RECUPERATIVE CARE CENTER IS, WHICH IS

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1 CURRENTLY OPEN AND WILL BE ACCEPTING 100 PATIENTS FROM ALL OF
2 THE HOSPITALS. IT'S AT M.L.K. CAMPUS, BUT IT'S FOR ALL OF THE
3 HOSPITALS IN THAT AREA. WE'VE ALSO HAD A LOT OF SUCCESS
4 WORKING TOGETHER ON OUR STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM. DR. KAY IS
5 GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES OF PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY
6 DEPARTMENTS.

7

8 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** SO WE NOW HAVE FIVE MENTAL HEALTH URGENT CARE
9 CENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY. SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTING THE
10 OVERCROWDING OF SOME OF THE PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY ROOMS,
11 PREVENTING THE NEED FOR HOSPITALIZATION, AND OFFERING
12 TREATMENT IN A SETTING THAT IS REALLY MUCH MORE CONDUCIVE AND
13 IDEAL FOR THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE IN A MENTAL HEALTH
14 CRISIS. WE HAVE SITES ON THE EAST SIDE, ON THE CAMPUS OF
15 M.L.K., UP AT OLIVE VIEW, IN THE LONG BEACH NORWALK AREA AND
16 ALSO THE ONE THAT RECENTLY OPENED ON THE WEST SIDE WITH FOUR
17 MORE TO COME DURING THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR. WORKING WITH
18 D.H.S., WE'RE IDENTIFYING KEY PATIENT DISCHARGE RESOURCES THAT
19 WILL ENSURE THAT WHEN PEOPLE REINTEGRATE BACK INTO THE
20 COMMUNITY, THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL IN BEING GIVEN CARE IN THE
21 COMMUNITY. THE AGENCY AND THE DEPARTMENT ARE ALSO WORKING WITH
22 THE STATE AND WITH C.M.S. ON THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING
23 PSYCHIATRIC REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR THOSE HOSPITALS THAT ARE
24 WILLING TO ACCEPT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BEING SEEN IN THE D.H.S.
25 PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY ROOMS, IN AN EFFORT TO EXPAND OUR

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1 INPATIENT CAPACITY IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE LOOKING AT
2 DEVELOPING A DASHBOARD SO THAT WE KNOW AT A GLANCE WHERE THE
3 RESOURCES ARE BOTH WITHIN D.H.S. AND THE PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY
4 ROOMS, WITHIN THE URGENT CARE CENTERS AND ALSO IN THE PRIVATE
5 EMERGENCY ROOMS THAT SEE OUR CLIENTS. ONE OF THE EXCITING
6 ASPECTS OF THE AGENCY IS OUR ABILITY TO WORK WITH D.H.S. AND
7 WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ON ACCESS TO CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY
8 COMPETENT SERVICES. THE THREE DEPARTMENTS ARE ENTHUSIASTICALLY
9 CREATING A SHAREPOINT WEBSITE SO THAT THEY CAN SHARE BEST
10 PRACTICES AND SHARE PROGRAMS THAT EXIST WITHIN THE THREE.
11 THEY'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT CULTURAL COMPETENCY INITIATIVES,
12 POLICES, PROCEDURES, TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND
13 THEY'RE LOOKING AT OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE THAT CAN CREATE MORE
14 EFFICIENCIES AND ECONOMIES AMONG THE THREE DEPARTMENTS, FOR
15 EXAMPLE, EXPLORING TRIDEPARTMENT FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES AND
16 TRANSLATION SERVICES AND CROSS-TRAINING AS WELL AS TRAININGS
17 THAT WILL ENABLE THE THREE DEPARTMENTS TO DO BETTER OUTREACH
18 INTO THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF UNDERREPRESENTED
19 POPULATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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21 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** SO IT'S A PERFECT SEGUE TO TALK ABOUT THE
22 TREMENDOUS SUCCESS THAT'S OCCURRED BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 MENTAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN ALREADY
24 BEING ABLE TO DIVERT PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL INTO TREATMENT. AND OF
25 THE 80 PERSONS WHO WE'VE ALREADY DIVERTED FROM JAIL TO

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1 TREATMENT, 60 WERE IN THE MISDEMEANOR AND COMPETENCE TO STAND
2 TRIAL. SO THESE WERE CLIENTS LANGUISHING IN JAIL BECAUSE THEY
3 CANNOT GET THEIR DAY IN COURT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT CAPABLE OF
4 GOING BEFORE A JUDGE. AND ALSO FOR EVERYBODY LISTENING, I WANT
5 TO BE CLEAR. THESE PEOPLE ARE ALL GOING TO SITES WHERE THERE
6 IS 24-HOUR SUPERVISION SO THAT THEY ARE GETTING TREATMENTS
7 WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE COMMUNITY IS KEPT SAFE. WE'RE
8 LOOKING FORWARD TO OPENING A SOBERING CENTER THAT WILL BE IN
9 THE SKID ROW AREA. RIGHT NOW, MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE INEBRIATED
10 WILL BE BROUGHT TO JAIL. THAT'S, I THINK, A VERY INEFFICIENT
11 USE OF RESOURCES, AND IT'S ALSO POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS, BECAUSE
12 PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS ALCOHOL PROBLEMS CAN HAVE WHAT ARE CALLED
13 D.T.S, DELIRIUM TREMORS. AND YOU CAN DIE OF THAT. SO RATHER
14 THAN BEING IN A JAIL CELL, WE WANT THEM TO BE IN A SOBERING
15 CENTER, WHERE THERE IS A MEDICAL PRESENCE, IN CASE THEY HAVE A
16 SEISURE OR ANOTHER PROBLEM, NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND IN THE
17 MORNING, THEY WILL THEN BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET
18 SUBSTANCE TREATMENT. WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON THE CRITICAL
19 INCIDENT TRAINING FOR THE DEPUTIES. WE ARE, D.P.H. AND MENTAL
20 HEALTH AND D.H.S., ARE WORKING TO EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
21 OUR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFIT, SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE
22 PEOPLE WHO NEED SUBSTANCE TREATMENT WITH THE APPROPRIATE
23 MODALITY. DR. KAY IS GOING TO DO VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND
24 TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH.

25

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1 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** THANK YOU. SO CURRENTLY THE MEDICAL HUBS SERVE
2 AS THE ENTRY POINT FOR HIGH-NEED YOUTH. AND YOU HAVE THE LIST
3 OF THE MEDICAL HUBS ON YOUR SCREEN. ALL HUBS WILL HAVE MENTAL
4 HEALTH STAFF. AND ACTUALLY, THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING
5 AND WE DO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH STAFF ALREADY IN THE M.L.K. HUB,
6 IN THE HIGH DESERT HUB, AND, OF COURSE, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AS
7 WELL AS L.A.C.+U.S.C. V.I.P. INCREMENTALLY WE'RE ADDING THOSE
8 STAFF. THE THREE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON
9 COORDINATING ASSESSMENTS, TREATMENT AND REFERRAL. AND THERE IS
10 A PLAN TO COLOCATE PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
11 STAFF IN THE HUBS, AS WELL. AND THAT WILL GIVE CLIENTS BEING
12 SEEN IN THE HUBS ACCESS TO BOTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING,
13 S.T.D. COUNSELING, TESTING, AND PARTNER NOTIFICATION. THEN
14 FINALLY, THE THREE DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING AT IDENTIFYING THE
15 CARE COORDINATION THAT'S BEING PROVIDED SO THAT WE CREATE SOME
16 EFFICIENCIES RATHER THAN DUPLICATING THOSE SERVICES.

17

18 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** OKAY, CYNTHIA HARDING IS GOING TO TALK
19 ABOUT CHRONIC DISEASE AND INJURY PREVENTION.

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21 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU. SO, WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO WORK
22 TOGETHER WITH THE THREE DEPARTMENTS ON CHRONIC DISEASE AND
23 INJURY PREVENTION STRATEGIC PRIORITY. AND IN THIS STRATEGIC
24 PRIORITY, WHAT WE WERE WORKING ON IS ALIGNING THE WORK IN
25 POPULATION HEALTH WITH OUR WORK IN CLINICAL HEALTH SO THAT WE

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1 CAN CREATE LINKAGES AND INCREASE ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND
2 SERVICES IN BOTH SETTINGS. THERE ARE FOUR KEY GOALS THAT WE
3 ARE PLANNING TO ADDRESS IN THE STRATEGIC PRIORITY, EXPANDING
4 ACCESS TO OUR EVIDENCE-BASED CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND
5 MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR PRIORITY POPULATIONS -- AND THIS IS,
6 FOR EXAMPLE, INCREASING ACCESS TO EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS THAT
7 ADDRESS DIABETES AND HEART DISEASE, LINKING WHAT HAPPENS IN
8 THE CLINICAL SETTING WITH WHAT CAN THIS HAPPEN IN THE
9 COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THAT WORK -- AND THEN SCALING AND
10 SPREADING THE USE OF HEALTH-BASED APPROACHES FOR PERSONS WITH
11 -- TEAM-BASED APPROACHES FOR PERSONS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS.
12 AND HERE WE'RE EXPANDING OUR WORK WITH PROMOTORAS AND OTHER
13 KINDS OF PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO PEOPLE IN THE
14 COMMUNITY SETTINGS THAT SUPPORTS THEIR TREATMENT THROUGH THE
15 CLINICAL SERVICES, AS WELL. WE'RE WORKING TO REDUCE SMOKING
16 PREVALENCE AMONG THOSE PEOPLE THAT RECEIVE SERVICES IN D.H.S.
17 AND D.M.H., AND SO WE'RE EXPANDING ACCESS TO OUR EVIDENCE-
18 BASED TOBACCO CESSATION INTERVENTIONS. AND THEN REDUCING YOUTH
19 VIOLENCE THROUGH STRATEGIES TARGETED AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL,
20 AND HERE WE HOPE TO EXPAND ACCESS TO THE PARKS AFTER DARK
21 PROGRAM AND EXPAND IT TO, AT LEAST HOPEFULLY THIS SUMMER, FOUR
22 ADDITIONAL PARKS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'D ALSO LIKE
23 TO, AS MITCH SAID AT THE BEGINNING, HOW EXCITING IT IS TO WORK
24 TOGETHER ON CRITICAL ISSUES. AND HERE, TWO OF THE ISSUES THAT
25 YOU'VE DISCUSSED TODAY AT THE BOARD, BOTH EXIDE AND ALISO

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1 CANYON, THE FACT THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER EXPANDS OUR ABILITY
2 TO SERVE THESE COMMUNITIES IN REALLY EFFECTIVE WAYS. SO IN
3 EXIDE, WE ARE PULLING TOGETHER OUTREACH TEAMS WITH
4 REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS. WE ARE GOING TO
5 START THAT OUTREACH EFFORT IN MARCH. AND IN ALISO CANYON, THE
6 ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO USE D.H.S.'S STAFF TO EXPAND OUR ABILITY
7 TO WORK ON MEDIA HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL, AND D.M.H.'S
8 SUPPORT IN REACHING OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS,
9 AS WELL. SO IT'S BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. AND I'D LIKE TO JUST
10 ADD ONE THIRD ISSUE THAT HAPPENED AFTER WE DEVELOPED THE
11 SLIDES, WHICH IS OUR INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORK TOGETHER ON ZIKA
12 VIRUS. SO, AS YOU KNOW, ZIKA VIRUS HAS BEEN A LOT IN THE NEWS.
13 AND AS A RESULT, OUR ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAM IN
14 PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN WORKING DIRECTLY WITH D.H.S. OBSTETRICS
15 PROVIDERS. AND THEY'VE LAUNCHED AN E-CONSULT PORTAL SO THAT
16 THE OBSTETRICS PROVIDERS CAN GET SUPPORT AND CONSULTATION WITH
17 THE EXPERTS IN D.P.H. ON THIS ISSUE.

18

19 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE BOARD
20 THAT WE ENGAGE OUR STAKEHOLDERS. AND WE'RE ABSOLUTELY
21 COMMITTED TO THAT. WE'RE WORKING WITH THE INTEGRATION ADVISORY
22 BOARD, WHICH WAS SET UP BY YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
23 COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND POPULATION HEALTH TASKFORCE. YOUR
24 BOARD IS MAKING THE FINAL APPOINTMENTS AS OF MARCH. WE ALSO
25 ARE RELYING ON THE GOOD WORK, ESPECIALLY THAT D.M.H. HAS DONE,

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1 IN TERMS OF HAVING AN INABILITY TO COVER TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR
2 PARTICIPANTS, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT D.M.H. HAS DONE TO
3 INCREASE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION THAT THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS
4 HAVE NOT HAD THE CAPACITY TO DO, AND D.M.H. HAS OFFERED TO DO
5 FOR ALL OF US. AND IN WHAT I THINK IS A ONCE -- I'VE NEVER
6 SEEN THIS ANYWHERE ELSE. WE HAVE NOW BROADENED OUR LABOR
7 MANAGEMENT TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL TO THE THREE DEPARTMENTS AND
8 ALL OF THE UNIONS SUPPORTING THE THREE DEPARTMENTS. SO WE HAVE
9 HAD FOR THE LAST 2 TO 3 YEARS A VERY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT WITH
10 S.E.I.U. AROUND D.H.S. AND HOW DO WE MAKE D.H.S. A PATIENT-
11 FRIENDLY, CONSUMER-FRIENDLY DEPARTMENT. AND WE HAVE GONE INTO
12 THIS WITH THE IDEA THAT IT'S BOTH IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF
13 THE DEPARTMENTS AND THE SUCCESS OF THE UNION THAT THE PUBLIC
14 SECTOR THRIVES AND DOES WELL. AND IN THE COURSE OF OUR COMING
15 TOGETHER, WE SAID, WELL, GEE, WHY DON'T WE COME, ALL THREE
16 DEPARTMENTS? BUT THEN IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT, WE NEED THE
17 OTHER UNIONS. AND WE REACHED OUT TO THE OTHER UNIONS AND THEY
18 HAVE JOINED US. SO NOW WE HAVE A.F.S.C.M.E., C.I.R., THE
19 TEAMSTERS, U.A.P.D. ALL OF US MEETING TOGETHER, ALL TALKING
20 ABOUT, HOW DO WE DO WORKGROUP TRAINING? AND IT RECOGNIZES IN
21 ALL THREE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS THAT MANY OF THE EFFORTS WE DO
22 REQUIRE A PHYSICIAN, SOMEONE WHO'S A MEMBER OF U.A.P.D., A
23 SOCIAL WORKER, SOMEONE WHO'S A MEMBER OF A.F.S.C.M.E., A NURSE
24 MANAGER, SOMEONE WHO'S A MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. IT MAY BE AN
25 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PERSON REPRESENTED BY THE TEAMSTERS. THE

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1 CRAFTS UNIONS ARE WELCOME, AS WELL. SO, THIS HAS BEEN VERY
2 EXCITING, AND PEOPLE ARE MAKING PROGRESS. WE ARE GOING TO BE
3 HAVING A TOWN HALL MEETING, WHICH WILL BE LIVE BROADCAST TO 20
4 SITES. PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO ASK QUESTIONS, WILL BE
5 ABLE TO SEE ALL OF THE SITES, AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE
6 EACH OTHER. WE'LL ALSO, THEN, BE RECORDED AND AVAILABLE AS A
7 YOUTUBE, SO PEOPLE ON DIFFERENT SHIFTS CAN WATCH IT, AS WELL.
8 SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED. THIS IS ALL JUST STARTED. WE HAD OUR
9 MARATHON, RIGHT? I THINK AT BEST YOU'D SAY WE WERE IN MILE 1.
10 BUT THERE IS TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND I THINK A LOT OF MOMENTUM
11 AND WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE TO THIS BOARD FOR THE COURAGE IN
12 CREATING AN AGENCY AND FOR BELIEVING THAT THE THREE OF US IN
13 OUR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS COULD MAKE IT WORK. THANK YOU.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. WE'LL OPEN IT UP TO
16 QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD OR COMMENTS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, THIS
19 IS MAKING ME VERY HAPPY. IT'S -- THIS REPORT IS EXACTLY WHAT
20 WE HOPED WE WOULD SEE AS A BEGINNING ON THIS INTEGRATION. AND
21 BELIEVE ME, I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT SOMETIMES IS TO BRING ALL
22 OF THESE THINGS TOGETHER, TO GET PEOPLE TO SORT OF BACK AWAY
23 FROM THEIR OWN FEARS, IN MANY WAYS. YOU KNOW, NO ONE'S EVER
24 GOING TO SAY DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY, IT WILL ALL BE PERFECT.
25 BUT I THINK THIS IS A WONDERFUL INITIAL DEMONSTRATION THAT THE

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1 INTEGRATION OF INFORMATION BACK AND FORTH, THAT THE
2 COLLABORATION OF STAFFS IN LEADERSHIP IS POTENTIALLY VERY,
3 VERY GOOD AND ALREADY HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE GOOD FOR OUR
4 PATIENTS, FOR THE PEOPLE ABOUT WHOM WE CARE. I DO HAVE SOME
5 QUESTIONS. SOMETHING FOR HOW WE PROCEED AS WE GO ALONG. THERE
6 WERE ALWAYS BARRIERS TO ACCESS IN EACH OF THE DEPARTMENTS, AND
7 THEY WERE DIFFERENT KINDS OF BARRIERS. AND AS WE MOVED SORT OF
8 TO A LARGER LEVEL ABOUT SERVICES TO OUR HOMELESS POPULATION
9 AND OTHERS, WE STARTED SEEING MORE AND MORE THAT WE WANTED
10 PEOPLE TO GET INTO A PROGRAM HERE, OR AN OUTREACH TEAM WOULD
11 SAY WE'RE GOING CALL YOU FOR HELP, BUT IN THE PARTICULAR
12 DEPARTMENT TO WHOM WE HAD TURNED FOR HELP, THEY SAID, WELL,
13 YOU HAVE TO ALREADY HAVE BEEN IN OUR PROGRAM OR YOU HAVE TO
14 ALREADY HAVE BEEN IN OUR CLINIC OR YOU HAVE TO BE IN
15 TREATMENT. AND I THINK THAT THESE BARRIERS STILL GO ON. SO I
16 WONDER IF YOU COULD SPEAK LET'S SAY, TO THE CHALLENGE OF
17 SERVING THE LARGER POPULATION THAT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THAT
18 MAY NOT ALREADY BE IN OUR HEALTH PROGRAMS, UNDERSTANDING THAT
19 WE DO WANT TO HELP OUR OWN PATIENTS GET INTO HOUSING, OUR OWN
20 PATIENTS GET KINDS OF SERVICES. I MEAN, THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE
21 FOR WHOM WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY. BUT IT CREATES A LITTLE BIT
22 OF A CONFLICT FOR SOME OF THE LARGER PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE
23 TRYING TO DO. I MEAN, IT MIGHT EVEN BE OUR DIVERSION PROGRAMS,
24 FOR INSTANCE. THEY'LL BE ARRESTED. WE WANT TO ALLOW THEM TO
25 DIVERT. THEY'RE NOT IN TREATMENT YET. SO I WONDER IF YOU COULD

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1 SPEAK TO IT SORT OF FROM THE VARIOUS AREAS AS YOU SEE WHERE
2 THE BARRIERS MIGHT BE AND HOW WE MIGHT THINK ABOUT WHAT WE
3 NEED TO DO TO HELP GET THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT INTO THE RIGHT
4 KIND OF SERVICES.

5

6 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WELL, I'LL START AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO
7 CONTRIBUTE. I'M CERTAINLY AWARE, SUPERVISOR, OF WHAT YOU MEAN,
8 AND I'VE CERTAINLY HEARD IT. I WOULD SAY THAT, I MEAN, WHERE
9 I'VE HEARD IT HAS BEEN HISTORICAL AROUND SOME D.M.H. PROGRAMS
10 AROUND HOMELESSNESS, BUT THAT IN MY WORK WITH DR. KAY, SHE HAS
11 BEEN ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED THAT THAT'S NOT HER PHILOSOPHY OR
12 HOW SHE BELIEVES THAT IT SHOULD BE. NOW, I'D BE THE FIRST TO
13 SAY CHANGES AT THE TOP DON'T ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY RESULT IN
14 EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE A NEW APPROACH. BUT FROM
15 WORKING WITH DR. KAY, I REALLY FEEL THAT AT LEAST AROUND THOSE
16 ISSUES FOR HOMELESS SERVICES, THAT WE RESOLVED THEM. THERE MAY
17 BE OTHER EXAMPLES THAT YOU ARE THINKING OF, BUT THAT'S ONE IF
18 YOU WANT TO TALK.

19

20 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** WELL, I THINK THAT THERE ARE TWO THINGS,
21 SUPERVISOR. IT'S A COMPLICATED QUESTION, OR MAYBE IT'S A
22 SIMPLE QUESTION THAT HAS AN ANSWER THAT WE STILL NEED TO
23 EXPLORE. I KNOW YOU ASKED THE QUESTION ALSO LAST WEEK, AND SO
24 THERE ARE TWO THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, WE'RE WORKING NOW WITHIN
25 D.M.H. TO CHANGE THE CONCEPT OF OUR DEPARTMENT TO TAKE A LOOK

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1 AT THE FACT THAT WE ARE NO LONGER A DEPARTMENT THAT IS A
2 BRICKS AND MORTAR DEPARTMENT WHERE YOU EITHER COME INTO A
3 CENTER THAT HAS FOUR WALLS AND A ROOF OR YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER
4 OF THE SERVICES THAT WE DELIVER. AND SO WE'VE IMPLEMENTED OVER
5 THE LAST YEAR A NUMBER OF OUTREACH SERVICES THAT ARE DESIGNED
6 TO MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE DOESN'T HAVE TO COME INTO OUR CENTER
7 TO RECEIVE OUR SERVICES. AND GREAT EXAMPLE OF THAT ARE THE
8 S.B.82 TEAMS. WE'RE GETTING UNBELIEVABLE FEEDBACK FROM PEOPLE
9 IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE VALUE OF THOSE TEAMS WHICH ARE, YOU
10 KNOW, WE GOT YOUNG, DEDICATED, ENTHUSIASTIC, IDEALISTIC
11 CLINICIANS, SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE OUT THERE TRYING TO ENGAGE
12 PEOPLE AND FIND A WAY FOR THEM TO COME IN AND SOME JUST
13 WONDERFUL STORIES ABOUT THEIR SUCCESS AND THEIR ABILITY TO DO
14 THAT. THE OTHER PART OF IT IS A QUESTION THAT I'M CONTINUING
15 TO EXPLORE, WHICH IS ONE THAT YOU ASKED LAST WEEK, ABOUT THE
16 CRITERIA FOR SOME OF THE PROGRAMS. AND DOING A MORE -- A
17 DEEPER LOOK AT WHETHER THOSE PLACES WHERE WE HAVE ULTIMATE
18 DISCRETION AND THOSE THAT ARE, BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THEIR
19 -- HOW THEY WERE INITIATED THROUGH LEGISLATION OR REGULATION
20 AND THE NATURE OF THEIR FUNDING, WHICH MAY BE CATEGORICAL,
21 WHERE WE DON'T HAVE AS MANY DEGREES OF FREEDOM. SO, WE WILL BE
22 DOING A REPORT BACK IN THE AREA OF HOUSING AND DOMESTIC
23 VIOLENCE ON HOW OPEN WE HAVE BEEN AND WHERE WE HAVE MORE
24 DISCRETION AND MORE ROOM TO GO IN ORDER TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE
25 AND MORE -- JUST MORE FLEXIBLE AND MORE OPEN. AND SO, IT WILL

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1 REPRESENT BOTH A PROGRAM CHANGE AND ALSO A CULTURE CHANGE IN
2 D.M.H. BUT THAT'S THE DIRECTION THAT WE'RE GOING. AND, YOU
3 KNOW, UNDER DR. KATZ'S DIRECTION AND HIS ENCOURAGEMENT, THAT'S
4 WHERE THE DEPARTMENT IS PROCEEDING.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST TWO MORE QUESTIONS, IF I MAY. IT'S
7 KIND OF ALONG THE SAME PATH. IN TERMS OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH,
8 IT MUST BE THE CASE THAT WE SOMEHOW COME IN CONTACT WITH THE
9 PEOPLE THAT WE THEN PUT INTO THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAM
10 THROUGH SOME KIND OF HEALTH ISSUE ACCESS. BUT SOMETIMES WHEN
11 WE ARE TRYING TO HOUSE PEOPLE -- OR YOU KNOW THEY WOULD GO TO
12 THEIR OWN TO THE E.R. AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE A HEALTH ISSUE, BUT
13 THEY BECAME OUR PATIENT BECAUSE THEY WENT TO THE E.R. THERE
14 MAY BE THE KIND KIND OF BARRIER. SOMEONE WITH NO OBVIOUS
15 PHYSICAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION, AND YET OVERALL, THEY'RE PRETTY
16 VULNERABLE.

17

18 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** SO, SUPERVISOR, I KNOW EXACTLY THAT ISSUE
19 IN MY DEPARTMENT. THE INITIAL FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM WAS
20 DIVERTING MONEY FROM THE HOSPITAL TO THE EMERGENCY -- OR THE
21 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TO HOUSING. AND SO THE IDEA WAS IT REALLY
22 CAME FROM GOING TO THE HOSPITAL AND THE HOSPITAL SAYING TO ME,
23 "WE HAVE ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS WHO ARE IN HOSPITAL
24 BEDS," AND I SAID, "WHY WOULD THEY BE? WHY ARE THEY HERE?" AND
25 THEY SAID, "WELL, WE DON'T HAVE ANYPLACE TO SEND THEM." I'M

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1 LIKE, "WELL, BUT IT COSTS \$2,000 A DAY TO BE HERE. YOU KNOW,
2 SEND THEM TO THE OMNI. YOU KNOW, THAT WILL BE ONLY \$200 A
3 NIGHT, AND YOU'LL SAVE THIS MUCH MONEY."

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** CHEAPER, RIGHT.

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7 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** SO, THE INITIAL FUNDING CAME FROM DIVERTING
8 RESOURCES. SO, IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE PROGRAM, IN ORDER TO
9 MAINTAIN THE FUNDING, I DID INSTRUCT PEOPLE, "LOOK, WE HAVE A
10 VARIETY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEED, BUT I'M FUNDING THIS BY
11 MOVING MONEY FROM PEOPLE WHO, YOU KNOW, HAVE THE GREATEST NEED
12 FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES." WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE THEN, THOUGH,
13 HAS NOW -- WE DO, THESE DAYS, HOUSE PEOPLE RIGHT OFF THE
14 STREET. AND THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT YOUR BOARD MATCHED A LARGE
15 HILTON FOUNDATION PROGRAM. SO THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT
16 THAT THAT PROGRAM HAD ANOTHER SOURCE OF MONEY WHICH WASN'T
17 DIVERTING MONEY OUT OF THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM. AND THEN NOW WE'VE
18 GOTTEN MONEY FROM THE PROBATION SYSTEM, WHICH GIVES US ANOTHER
19 SET. AND NOW I'VE VIEW THE DIVERSION MONEY AS THE THIRD SET.
20 AND SO BETWEEN THESE AND THE WORK WITH MENTAL HEALTH, OUR GOAL
21 IS NOW WE JUST HOUSE PEOPLE. NOW WE JUST WANT RAPID HOUSING,
22 AND IT'S UP TO US TO FIGURE OUT THE DOLLARS. SO I THINK THAT,
23 I MEAN, WE MAY OR MAY NOT HIT A SATURATION POINT ON MONEY, BUT
24 BEFORE WE HIT THAT, IT MAY BE ACTUAL HOUSING, AS YOU KNOW, AND
25 WHERE ONE OF MY QUESTIONS IS, HOW MANY UNITS ARE THERE ON THE

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1 MARKET, BECAUSE THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH DOES RELY ON THE
2 STRATEGY OF RENTING UNITS AND RAPIDLY PUTTING PEOPLE IN. SO
3 YOU HAVE TO -- IF WE'RE GOING TO HOUSE 10,000 PEOPLE, WE HAVE
4 TO HAVE 10,000 UNITS OR BELIEVE THAT OVER SOME PERIOD OF TIME
5 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THEM. OTHERWISE, EVEN IF WE HAVE THE
6 DOLLARS, WE STILL DON'T HAVE A PHYSICAL PLACE.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, I GUESS THE LARGER QUESTION, AND IT
9 DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ANSWERED TODAY, I MEAN, JUST AS WE MOVE
10 FORWARD, IS: DO WE NEED TO CHANGE CRITERIA, EXPAND IT LIKE WE
11 DID WITH A.B.109, USE OF A.B.109 MONEY, YOU KNOW, AND TAKE IT
12 OUT TO THE EDGE OF THE LAW, AS IT WERE, COMBINE FUNDING
13 STREAMS? WE WERE HAVING A LOT OF TROUBLE WITH PEOPLE WITH
14 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, WHERE YOU
15 WOULD HAVE TO LIVE HERE AND THEN YOU COULDN'T LIVE THERE. SO
16 TO THINK ABOUT THAT KIND OF -- AND I KNOW YOU ARE ALREADY, BUT
17 I THINK WE'RE GOING WANT TO KNOW AS WE GO ALONG, AND ALSO JUST
18 TO GET A PATIENT HOUSED OR TREATED OR WHATEVER AND FIND THE
19 FUNDING STREAM LATER, WHICH, OF COURSE, IS WHAT WE DO, ANYWAY,
20 IN EMERGENT SITUATIONS. JUST FOR THE NEXT REPORT, YOU KNOW,
21 I'M GOING TO PROBABLY WANT TO KNOW AGAIN, THE FINAL THING
22 REALLY GOES TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND
23 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH AND WAYS IN WHICH THE EXPERIENCE IN OUR
24 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH TREATMENT AREAS CAN HELP INFORM -- AND,
25 AGAIN, I'M A LAWYER, NOT A DOCTOR, SO THIS MAY ALREADY BE THE

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1 CASE, BUT INFORM WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH KNOWS, HOW IT APPROACHES
2 WHAT IT REACHES OUT, HOW IT REACHES OUT, AND WHETHER THE
3 INTEGRATION HELPS THAT ISSUE FROM THE MICRO TO THE MACRO AND
4 VICE VERSA.

5

6 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** I'LL TAKE THAT QUESTION, YEAH. THANK YOU,
7 SUPERVISOR. I THINK WHAT'S REALLY EXCITING IS WE'RE NOW
8 BEGINNING TO LOOK AT THE METRICS IN EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS
9 AND HOW WE CAN USE THOSE METRICS TO FORM EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE
10 TALKING ABOUT. SO WE DO A LOT OF WORK WITH THE L.A. HEALTH
11 SURVEY, WHICH GIVES US A MACRO PICTURE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING
12 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND GIVES US A PICTURE OF WHAT
13 MAY BE HAPPENING TO THE POPULATION SURROUNDING OUR FACILITIES
14 WHERE WE'RE SERVING PEOPLE IN THOSE CLINIC WALLS. AND VICE
15 VERSA, WE HOPE TO LEARN FROM WHAT WE'RE LEARNING IN THE CLINIC
16 SETTINGS WHAT ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE COMING UP AS
17 WE'RE COLLECTING MORE EFFECTIVE DATA ABOUT THAT AND LEARNING
18 ABOUT THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH THAT MAY BE IMPACTING
19 FOLKS THAT WE'RE SEEING IN OUR CLINICS AND HOW WE CAN THEN
20 THINK ABOUT HOW WE MARRY THAT INFORMATION TO BETTER
21 PROGRAMMING IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND BETTER PROGRAMMING WITHIN OUR
22 CLINICAL ENVIRONMENTS, AS WELL. SO, I THINK IT GIVES US THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO GO IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THAT.

24

25 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1

2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU HAD A QUESTION?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, I DID. I THINK IT'S 8,751 HOUSING SLOTS FOR
5 OUR CONSUMERS. HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUBSTANCE
6 ABUSE AND THOSE WITH BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS?

7

8 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY
9 HEAD, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** IF YOU WOULD. AND, I MEAN, ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO
12 EXPAND THAT NUMBER?

13

14 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** WELL, ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE WILL BE
15 EXPANDING IT, WE'RE WORKING ON IMPLEMENTING THE DRUG MEDI-CAL
16 WAIVER. AND THAT WILL ALLOW US TO EXPAND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES,
17 AS WELL. AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE BEDS. BUT IT'S GOING
18 TO BE A HEAVY LIFT, AND WE'RE GOING TO LOOK TO YOUR BOARD FOR
19 THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND YOU DON'T HAVE EXACT NUMBER, YOU'LL
22 GET IT TO US, BUT IS IT 10 PERCENT, 20 PERCENT, 50 PERCENT?

23

24 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** WELL, FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU LOOK AT THE
25 PERMANENTS, WHICH IS 4,809, WE PREFERENTIALLY HOUSE PEOPLE

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1 WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS, BECAUSE, IN GENERAL, AND,
2 AGAIN, IT RELATES TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S QUESTION, I MEAN,
3 WE'VE AIMED IN THE PROGRAM TO HOUSE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE MOST
4 SEVERELY AFFECTED, SO PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, PEOPLE WITH
5 PHYSICAL ILLNESS, PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARE THE TARGETS,
6 BECAUSE THE PERMANENT HOUSING IS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. SO,
7 THAT'S THE GROUP THAT WE WANT TO PUT IT IN. WE DON'T IN ANY
8 WAY BIAS AGAINST. WHAT I CAN'T ANSWER IS HOW MANY OF THE BEDS
9 ARE SUBSTANCE-ABUSE-SPECIFIC TREATMENT BEDS WHERE THE PURPOSE
10 OF THE BED IS SUBSTANCE TREATMENT. THE COUNTY, OF COURSE,
11 PUBLIC HEALTH RUNS A LARGE ANTELOPE VALLEY CENTER AND PAYS FOR
12 -- I THINK IT'S \$30 MILLION OF CONTRACTS. IT'S MORE THAN THAT.
13 \$300. NO, IT'S \$300 MILLION. IT'S \$300 MILLION. I HAVE THE 3
14 IN MY HEAD. AND UNDER THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT WAIVER, WE
15 HOPE TO MARKEDLY EXPAND THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S FEDERAL MONEY
16 WITHOUT A CAP. IT'S THE SAME AS HEALTH SERVICES. IF YOU MEET
17 THE CRITERIA, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYS. SO, IT SHOULD ALLOW
18 US TO MARKEDLY INCREASE HOW MUCH SUBSTANCE TREATMENT IS
19 OFFERED IN THIS COUNTY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I KNOW THAT EVERYONE IS HAPPY NOW FOR THE
22 FIRST SEVEN DAYS, RIGHT? I MEAN, WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER
23 AND OVERWHELMED BY IT. BUT I ASSUME THAT PART OF THIS
24 FRAMEWORK FOCUS THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT WILL BE DEALING WITH

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1 SOME OF THE BUREAUCRATIC ISSUES BETWEEN THE THREE ENTITIES. IS
2 THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** YEAH.

5

6 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YES.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME THANK THE COORDINATION THAT YOU'VE
11 ALSO ALL HELPED WITH THE GAS LEAKAGE IN PORTER RANCH. I
12 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT WE HAVE A REAL GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP
13 HERE, A GREAT TEAM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT, NOT JUST
14 AT THE BOARD BUT WITH OUR OFFICES AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. SO
15 THE HOLY TRINITY. YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL. SO CONGRATULATIONS.
16 AND AS SHEILA WAS MENTIONING RELATIVE TO THE COORDINATION, WE
17 NOW HAVE A COORDINATED EFFORT, WHICH SERVES THE PATIENT, THE
18 CLIENT, WHICH IS THE WAY WE ARE SUPPOSED TO OPERATE. AND
19 YOU'RE DOING IT. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT I'M VERY PLEASED
24 WITH THE WORK THAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN DOING. IT'S BEEN
25 TREMENDOUS, AND I WANT TO ALSO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK, PUBLIC

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1 HEALTH, ON EXIDE. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY AS WE MOVE FORWARD, AND
2 SOME OF THE AREAS THAT YOU TOUCHED ON, I'M A BIG SUPPORTER OF
3 OBVIOUSLY REACHING OUT, PROVIDING MORE ACCESS SO PEOPLE BECOME
4 ENROLLED IN OUR COUNTY-BASED PROGRAMS, IN PARTICULAR, MY
5 HEALTH L.A., AND USING PROMOTORAS AND POSSIBLY LOOKING AT
6 OTHER TOOLS THAT ARE ALREADY IN OUR QUIVER, AND THAT IS USING
7 PERHAPS CALWORKS INDIVIDUALS TO HELP US SERVE AS PROMORATORAS.
8 I MEAN, IT'S COST-EFFECTIVE, REACHES THE COMMUNITY, BUILDS
9 TRUST, BUT ALSO BUILDS A SENSE OF EMPOWERMENT FOR THESE WOMEN
10 THAT NEED TO FIND WORK. AND I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT TALKING
11 ABOUT CREATING MORE SOBERING CENTERS, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE
12 ADDRESSING THAT ISSUE OF ALCOHOLISM, MENTAL HEALTH AND
13 ALLOWING FOR ROOM FOR FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN. WE DIDN'T
14 HEAR A LOT ABOUT THAT, SO I'M VERY INTERESTED ABOUT THAT WHEN
15 WE COME BACK FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR HOUSING OF CHILDREN,
16 WOMEN WITH THEIR CHILDREN. I KNOW THAT, DR. KATZ, YOU'RE
17 FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF THE PROGRAMS AND PROTOTYPES, BUT WE NEED
18 TO EXPAND THAT MODEL, AND QUICKLY, BECAUSE I THINK ONE THING I
19 LEARNED THROUGH THE LAST YEAR AND PARTICULARLY IN THE COUNT
20 THAT WE HAD RECENTLY IN HOMELESS, WAS A LOT OF TALK IN THE SAN
21 GABRIEL VALLEY OUT IN MY AREA, THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT SHELTER
22 PROVIDED FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN PARTICULAR. SO, I THINK
23 THAT IS A PRIORITY FOR US. AND THEN, JUST LASTLY, I DID GET A
24 CHANCE THIS LAST YEAR TO VISIT C.R.D.F., LYNWOOD'S CENTRAL
25 JAIL FOR WOMEN, AND FOUND THAT WHILE THERE WERE HEALTH

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1 SERVICES PROVIDED, I FELT THAT THEY WERE SEVERELY IMPACTED, IN
2 PARTICULAR DENTAL CARE, AND ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE
3 APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR WOMEN TO SEE A DOCTOR. I WAS TOLD BY
4 ONE OF THE PHYSICIANS THERE THAT IT TAKES ANYWHERE FROM SIX
5 WEEKS OR LONGER TO GET IN TO SEE A PHYSICIAN, AND IT MIGHT BE
6 FOR, YOU KNOW, PAIN THAT THEY MAY HAVE. IT MAY BE RELATED TO
7 O.B.G.Y.N. ISSUES, WHICH ARE VERY IMPORTANT. AND I WOULD JUST
8 SAY THAT I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET A REPORT BACK ON WHAT
9 WE'RE DOING TO HELP PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SERVICES, BECAUSE WE
10 HAVE A BROAD RANGE OF WOMEN THERE, FROM VERY YOUNG, 17, 18, TO
11 AS FAR AS 70, 80, WOMEN WHO ARE GOING THROUGH MANY, OBVIOUSLY,
12 DIFFERENT HORMONAL CHALLENGES. AND I HEARD ABOUT THAT WHILE I
13 WAS ON THE GROUND. AND I KNOW THAT THE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING
14 PROVIDED THERE BY THAT SMALL STAFF, I COULD TELL THE STAFF WAS
15 OVERWORKED. CERTAINLY IT'S PROBABLY THE SAME IN OTHER PLACES,
16 BUT I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR WORK, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS
17 IMPORTANT. BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR WHEN WE OVERBURDEN THE
18 SYSTEM. IT ISN'T WORKING FOR THE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS
19 THERE. SO I WOULD JUST UNDERSCORE THAT. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU.
20 I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT THE PROGRESS WITH ALL OF US
21 WORKING TOGETHER. SO I APPLAUD YOU FOR YOUR WORK. THANK YOU.

22

23 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A FEW OBSERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS,

3 ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR THE PROGRESS AS HAS BEEN EVIDENCED SO FAR,

4 COLLABORATION AS IT'S MERITED THAT'S BEING EVIDENCED BY YOUR

5 EXPRESSION OF MOVING FORWARD AND ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES THAT

6 WE ARTICULATED, PRIMARY AMONG THEM BEING THAT OF INTEGRATED

7 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY. AND THE END USER IS HE OR SHE WHO OUGHT

8 TO CELEBRATE THE DECISION TO CREATE AN AGENCY. HOW THEN WILL

9 PATIENTS VIEW THE QUALITY OF THE EXPERIENCE AND THE CARE IS A

10 QUESTION THAT I THINK WE NEED TO DRILL DOWN ON, TO SOME

11 EXTENT. AND THEN IN ADDITION TO THAT, HOW CAN COMMUNITIES, IF

12 WE AGGREGATE, HOW WILL COMMUNITIES RECOGNIZE THE BENEFIT OR

13 THE BENEFITS, IF YOU WILL, OF THE AGENCY FORMATION OR

14 CREATION? AND SO AT SOME POINT THE QUESTION WILL HAVE TO BE

15 POSED, WHAT ARE THE EVALUATIVE TOOLS THAT ARE BEING PUT IN

16 PLACE CURRENTLY FOR US TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OR THE EFFICACY

17 OF THE NEWLY CREATED ENTITY. AND I'D LIKE FOR US AND IN YOUR

18 FUTURE PRESENTATIONS TO COME BACK AND SUGGEST TO US HOW DO WE

19 LOOK WITH CERTAIN CRITERIA, WHAT ARE THE MATRIX THAT GUIDE OUR

20 METRICS, THAT GUIDE OUR SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHING WHAT WE HAD

21 HOPED. THAT STRIKES ME AS BEING FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT. WHAT

22 IMPROVEMENTS CAN MENTAL HEALTH LAY CLAIM TO AS WELL AS PUBLIC

23 HEALTH AND ULTIMATELY D.H.S. AS YOU SEEK TO SAY THESE ARE THE

24 OUTCOMES THAT WE WERE SEEKING. AND HERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF

25 TRENDING IN THE PROPER DIRECTION. I THINK THAT'S REALLY

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1 IMPORTANT. AND THEN THE OTHER -- AND IN YOUR NEXT REPORT BACK,
2 AT LEAST I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO LAY OUT WHAT A
3 PLAN MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN TERMS OF SUCH AN EVALUATIVE TOOL AND
4 PERHAPS IN THE INTERIM COMMUNICATION WITH THE RESPECTIVE BOARD
5 OFFICES AS TO WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE. AND THEN THERE'S A
6 QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT'S BEEN POSED ABOUT CO-LOCATION OF THE
7 RESPECTIVE ENTITIES AND IF IN FACT THAT'S A WAY TO ACHIEVE
8 EFFICIENCIES AND MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVENESS IN TERMS OF REACHING
9 THE NOTION OF A MORE REFINED, INTEGRATED DELIVERY SYSTEM.
10 WHERE ARE WE IN THAT REGARD? AND IF YOU'RE PREPARED TO SPEAK
11 TO THAT NOW, I WOULD BE CERTAINLY GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT IT. THE
12 ADDITIONAL POINT TO BE MADE IS AROUND THE WAY IN WHICH THE
13 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY PROMINENTLY FACTORS INTO THE
14 WORK THAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET TO HERE. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME
15 THAT THAT HAS TO BE ASSIGNED A VERY HIGH PRIORITY. MEMBERS OF
16 THE BOARD, WE HAVE INNOVATED IN QUITE A NUMBER OF WAYS HERE.
17 AND WHEN DOING SO, THE QUESTION IS: ARE WE OR ARE WE NOT AT A
18 TIPPING POINT? AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, IS THE
19 INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE FOR US TO MAXIMIZE INNOVATION? WHAT
20 THEN CAN WE EXPECT AND IN WHAT TIMEFRAME CAN WE EXPECT US TO
21 SHOW PROMISE AND/OR POSSIBILITIES THAT ARE PROMISING WITH
22 RESPECT TO THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND INTEGRATION AS IT IS A
23 SUBSET OF THE OVERALL HEALTH AGENCY? THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT
24 I THINK WE CAN AND SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT. MEASURABLE
25 OUTCOMES ARE IMPORTANT HERE. AND TO THE EXTENT THE BOARD CAN

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1 BE HELPFUL AND SUPPORTIVE, I WANT TO SIGN UP FOR THAT WITH
2 SOME IMMEDIACY. WHAT WE HAVE SET OUT TO DO IS VERY, VERY
3 EXCITING AND NO LESS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. IF WE ARE
4 SUCCESSFUL IN THIS PURSUIT, WE WILL SET A NEW STANDARD FOR
5 AGENCIES THAT ARE COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE NATION. I THINK
6 THAT'S WHERE OUR ASPIRATION OUGHT TO BE. GLAD TO HEAR YOUR
7 RESPONSE TO ANY OF THESE CONCERNS THAT I'M RAISING.

8

9 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND WE'LL
10 DEFINITELY MAKE SURE THAT WE WILL HAVE IN THE NEXT REPORT MORE
11 ON THE FUTURE CO-LOCATIONS AND WHAT WE SEE THERE. WE DO
12 BELIEVE IN GENERAL THAT THERE ARE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES.
13 FRANKLY, SOME OF THEM ARE PURE FACILITIES THAT BOTH -- ALL
14 THREE DEPARTMENTS HAVE SOME FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT IN SUCH
15 GREAT REPAIR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

18

19 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** AND IT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE TO BUILD THREE
20 SEPARATE NEW OFFICES, RIGHT? IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE EFFICIENT
21 FOR THE COUNTY TO CHOOSE THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION AND TO BUILD
22 A MODERN CENTER WITH CORRECT H.V.A.C. AND PLUMBING AND ALL THE
23 ISSUES THAT ALWAYS HAPPEN IN THE WAY THAT IT SHOULD. SO, I
24 THINK THAT'S EXCELLENT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO TELLING YOU
25 MORE. AND WE WILL ALSO INCLUDE MORE ON THAT TIPPING POINT AND

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1 WHEN YOU CAN EXPECT -- I MEAN, WE'RE AT 60, BUT WE DON'T WANT
2 TO BE AT 60. WE DON'T WANT TO BE EVEN IN TRIPLE DIGITS. WE
3 WANT TO BE IN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DIVERTED TO TREATMENT.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

6

7 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** AND I'LL GIVE A BETTER SENSE, OR WE'LL GIVE
8 A BETTER SENSE NEXT TIME. AND THEN FINALLY ON THE DATA, I JUST
9 WANT TO SAY MY DEPUTY, DR. ALEX LEE, WHO IS HERE, DID A LOT OF
10 WORK IN PULLING THIS PRESENTATION TOGETHER AND IN GOING TO THE
11 DIFFERENT MEETINGS AND HIMSELF IS VERY STRONG ON DATA AND SO
12 WILL GIVE US SOME EXTRA HELP.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATE YOU, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, ON THE ISSUE OF THE CO-
17 LOCATION, THIS HAS PRETTY SHARP IMPLICATIONS FOR C.E.O. REAL
18 ESTATE, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME. AND PERHAPS BY WAY OF INSTRUCTION
19 FROM THE BOARD, WE OUGHT TO HAVE IT COME BACK TO THE ATTENTION
20 OF THE BOARD WHAT THIS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PORTFOLIO OF THE
21 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS LOOK LIKE, WHERE THOSE ARE AND WHAT
22 POTENTIAL FOR COLLOCATION ARISES OUT OF THAT SET OF FINDINGS.
23 SO, MADAME CHAIR, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S APPROPRIATE AT THIS
24 TIME, BUT IF IT'S IN ORDER, I THINK WE SHOULD REQUEST SUCH SO
25 THAT THE BOARD CAN KNOW AND SEE WHAT POSSIBILITIES THER ARE TO

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1 CAPTURE EFFICIENCIES AND PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES THROUGH OUR
2 INNOVATIONS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
3 AGENCY.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK, SACHI, DID YOU WANT TO --
6 OPINION. I THOUGHT WE WERE DOING, THAT THE COUNTY WAS ALREADY
7 SOMEWHAT ASSESSING SOME OF OUR FACILITIES IN THE HEALTHCARE
8 AND MENTAL HEALTH.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THAT'S BROADER THAN BOTH
11 DEPARTMENTS, BUT THAT'S A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING.

12

13 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT, AND THROUGH OUR A.E.C.O.M. WE
14 ALSO HAVE A MEETING SCHEDULED. IT'S ACTUALLY IN 15 MINUTES
15 WITH DR. KATZ --

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 15 MINUTES FROM NOW?

18

19 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** QUICK TO DISCUSS THE OVERALL ASSETS THAT
20 ALL THREE DEPARTMENTS CURRENTLY HAVE. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
21 WE'LL RETURN LATER TO THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. WE ANXIOUSLY AWAIT THAT REPORT.
24 THE A.E.C.O.M. REPORT HAS TAKEN A FEW DAYS TO PRODUCE, AND WE
25 UNDERSTAND WHY, BECAUSE OF THE EXTENSIVE NATURE OF THE REAL

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1 ESTATE PORTFOLIO. BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE BOARD IS WILLING,
2 I THINK WE OUGHT TO PRIORITIZE THE THREE DEPARTMENTS, THAT IS,
3 THE HEALTH AGENCY PORTFOLIO AND SEE IF IN FACT THERE ARE SOME
4 SAVINGS THAT CAN BE REALIZED RATHER THAN RUNNING OLD BUILDINGS
5 THAT ARE INEFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY PROBLEMATIC, ET
6 CETERA, ET CETERA.

7

8 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S GOOD. OKAY. THANK YOU. WE'LL EXPECT
11 THAT IN A REPORT BACK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU. WE HAVE
16 WITNESSES THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. DR. GENEVIEVE
17 CLAVREUL, PRENTISS JENKINS, AND ARNOLD SACHS.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I DON'T THINK IT'S A
20 GOOD AFTERNOON, BECAUSE I JUST LISTENED TO A WHOLE BUNCH OF
21 CRAP, AND I AM VERY UPSET RIGHT NOW. THIS IS NOT A REPORT.
22 THIS IS A BIG BUNCH OF LIE AND MISREPRESENTATION. I UNDERSTAND
23 THAT YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE HOMELESS, BUT WHEN YOU CANNOT
24 PUT THE CAST ON TWO CHILDREN IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, SOMETHING
25 WRONG IN THAT PICTURE. SOMETHING VERY, VERY WRONG. AND WHEN

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1 IT'S 200 PEOPLE WAITING FOR HERNIA REPAIR IN ANTELOPE VALLEY,
2 THAT'S A CRIME. AND WHEN I HAVE LISTENED TO WHAT I HAVE
3 LISTENED JUST NOW, I AM FURIOUS. AND IT TAKE ALL MY POWER NOT
4 TO USE TERRIBLE LANGUAGE. FIRST OF ALL, NOBODY'S LOOKING FOR
5 NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NEW DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH.
6 WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THAT? A LOT OF THINGS YOU GOT TODAY WAS
7 FABRICATION. SEE, YOU ARE NOT EXISTING. DO YOUR HOMEWORK!
8 REALLY CHECK WHAT HAVE BEEN TOLD TO YOU TODAY. AND WHEN YOU
9 CANNOT PUT CASTS ON TWO CHILDREN AND YOU ARE WORRIED SO MUCH
10 ABOUT THE HOMELESS, THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG. YOU HAVE PLACES
11 IN ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO ARE BRAND NEW, WHO HAVE NO NURSES, NO
12 DOCTORS. YOU KNOW, RIGHT NOW WE HAVING A WOMAN WHO WOULD BE
13 PART OF THAT INTEGRATION ADVISORY BOARD. SHE'S A CLIENT. SHE
14 CANNOT SPEAK ENGLISH. CAN YOU IMAGINE IN A COUNTY OF 10
15 MILLION PEOPLE WITH A MAJORITY OF LATINA AND LATINO, WE CANNOT
16 FIND ONE HUMAN BEING WHO SPEAK ENGLISH? AND DR. KATZ, WHO IS
17 WONDERFUL, IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE TRANSLATION! IS IT GOING TO
18 BE WITH HIS PRIVATE MONEY, OR WITH THE PEOPLE'S MONEY? THAT I
19 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW. AND WHEN I SEE ALL OF THAT, I JUST CANNOT
20 BELIEVE IT. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT UNIVERSAL. WE HAVE IT. BYE.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** PRENTISS JENKINS, CITI LIFE NEWSLETTER
25 PUBLISHER, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991. WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT MENTAL

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1 HEALTH AND THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE HOMELESS AND THE MENTAL
2 HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT WE DON'T TALK
3 ABOUT THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS. THE MENTAL
4 HEALTH OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE
5 MENTAL HEALTH OF THE HOMELESS, BECAUSE THE MENTAL HEALTH OF
6 THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RESPOND TO THE HOMELESS, IF THOSE
7 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FIRST RESPONDERS ARE SUFFERING FROM POST-
8 TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO EVENTUALLY GET
9 IS EZELL FORD AND BRENDON GLENN, YOU KNOW, INDIVIDUALS WHO
10 WERE HOMELESS WHO WERE GUNNED DOWN. I MEAN, THESE PEOPLE WERE
11 SHOT TO DEATH BY -- THEY WERE SHOT TO DEATH BY COPS, AND THESE
12 PEOPLE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A HOME. THESE ARE HOMELESS PEOPLE
13 GETTING SHOT TO DEATH BY COPS. SO, AND THESE PEOPLE, EZELL
14 FORD WAS JUST WALKING DOWN THE STEET. YOU ARE JUST WALKING
15 DOWN THE STREET. THE COP KILLS YOU. YOU'RE NOT MENTALLY ILL.
16 THE COP'S MENTALLY ILL. SO THIS IS AN AGENCY THAT'S DEALING
17 WITH THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE HOMELESS
18 ISSUE WHEN IT SHOULD BE DEALING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AT 360
19 DEGREES, WHICH MEANS IT SHOULD BE DEALING WITH THE MENTAL
20 ILLNESS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
21 THAT'S WHAT IT SHOULD BE DEALING WITH, BECAUSE MENTAL ILLNESS
22 IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT IS AT AN EPIDEMIC -- IT IS A
23 TRUE EPIDEMIC. YOU GOT FIREMEN TRYING TO KIDNAP WOMEN AND
24 THROW THEM IN THE TRUNK. I MEAN, FIREMEN. WHAT THE HELL IS A

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1 FIREMAN DOING TRYING TO DO KIDNAP A WOMAN THROW HER IN THE
2 TRUNK?

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS,
5 AND QUITE THE PRESENTATION. I LIKE THE ONE-WOMAN DEPARTMENT
6 HEAD WHO MENTIONED THE COUNTY METRICS. AND HERE WE ARE, ITEM
7 NO. 4, RECOMMENDATION THAT'S SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE,
8 DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO DEVELOP A NEW FRAMEWORK
9 FOR COUNTY METRICS, AND THEY WERE ALREADY WORKING ON COUNTY
10 METRICS. SO, WOULD THIS BE A NEW COUNTY METRICS?

11

12 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, WE'RE ON ITEM R-2 RIGHT NOW, R-2,
13 HEALTH AGENCY.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ONE OF THE PRESENTATIONS, PEOPLE MENTIONED, ONE
16 OF THE HEALTH DIRECTORS THAT THEY WERE WORKING ON COUNTY
17 METRICS. SO I'M REPEATING WHAT SHE SAID. YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO
18 WHAT THESE PEOPLE SAY SOMETIMES SO YOU HAVE AN IDEA WHAT WE'RE
19 TALKING ABOUT.

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** I DID, SIR. WE'RE ON R-2, THE HEALTH
22 AGENCY.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I KNOW WHAT WE'RE ON. IT'S THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
25 REPORT, AND SHE MENTIONED METRICS. PAY ATTENTION. SOMEBODY

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1 MENTIONED ANTELOPE VALLEY GETTING \$300 MILLION. DR. CLAVREUL.
2 THERE WAS A GUY WHO CAME UP HERE A COUPLE WEEKS, TWO WEEKS IN
3 A ROW SAYING THERE'S NO HOSPITAL IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE
4 YOU CAN GO FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT. SO, HOW CAN SUPERVISOR --
5 OR MR. KATZ SAY THEY'RE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB, WHEN THERE'S NO
6 HOSPITAL IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE YOU CAN GET A CAST SET?
7 NOW, THERE'S WORK BEING DONE FOR THE CORONER'S DEPARTMENT, BUT
8 NOT TO GET A CAST ON A BROKEN LIMB. YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING
9 ABOUT FEASIBILITY FOR HOMELESS FACILITY IN YOUR DISTRICT, MISS
10 SOLIS, BUT TWO WEEKS AGO, AGAIN, THERE WAS A FEASIBILITY STUDY
11 BROUGHT FORTH FOR A HOMELESS FACILITY IN SANTA CLARITA. BUT
12 YOU HAVEN'T MADE A REQUEST FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY IN ANY AREA
13 IN YOUR DISTRICT, MISS SOLIS. AND WE GO BACK AND FORTH IN THIS
14 PERMANENT HOUSING, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BROUHAHA, WHICH IS JUST
15 SO MUCH SMOKE. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU'RE ON.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OFF.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** TIME IS UP.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS A REPORT. SO,
22 WE DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS. WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE. SUCH
23 WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS. LET'S GO ON TO ITEM R-H-- OR
24 BEFORE WE DO? R-4, I'M SORRY. R-4. IT LOOKED LIKE AN H. BODY

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1 CAMERAS. WE HAVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT WANTED TO SPEAK ON
2 THIS ITEM. BEAR WITH US, GENTLEMEN.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAST MONTH IN MY MEETING -- I MEET WITH MY
5 CITIES FOR BREAKFAST EACH YEAR -- IN THE CITY OF DUARTE, WE
6 HAD A VERY PROFOUND DISCUSSION ON BODY CAMERAS. AND THAT IS
7 REALLY NOT AS SIMPLE AS JUST PUTTING A CAMERA ON THERE,
8 ALTHOUGH THE STORAGE AND WHATEVER, AND THERE WAS A
9 PRESENTATION WHICH THIS BOARD HAS NEVER HEARD IN A SETTING
10 LIKE THAT. AND I WANTED TO THANK CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM FOR HIS
11 REPORT ON THIS ISSUE TODAY. WE AGREE THAT BODY-WORN CAMERAS
12 WILL SERVE MULTIPLE BENEFITS TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO THE COUNTY,
13 BY PROVIDING EVIDENCE FOR INVESTIGATIONS, DECREASE FUTURE
14 CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS AND INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AND
15 TRANSPARENCY. AND THE CAMERAS ARE A MATTER OF WHEN NOT A
16 MATTER OF IF. SO I WANT TO COMMEND THE SHERIFF FOR THEIR
17 THOUGHTFUL APPROACH ON THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT WOULD
18 GUIDE OUR PROGRAM, GIVEN THE INHERENT COMPLEXITIES, AND
19 PERHAPS YOU CAN GO INTO THESE COMPLEXITIES AND ANSWER SOME OF
20 THE QUESTIONS THAT WE MAY HAVE RELATIVE TO INSTALLING THESE IN
21 OUR DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** I WOULD THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR AND BOARD,
24 FOR INVITING ME DOWN TO GIVE YOU SOME UPDATES ON THE
25 COMPLEXITIES OF CAMERA. FIRST, LET ME INTRODUCE THE CAPTAIN TO

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1 MY RIGHT, CHRIS MARKS, WHO'S THE SUPERVISOR OF THE PROGRAM,
2 AND I'M THE OVERALL PROGRAM MANAGER OF BODY-WORN CAMERA
3 SYSTEMS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND, SUPERVISOR, YOU'RE
4 ABSOLUTELY CORRECT ON THE COMPLEXITIES OF IT'S, SIMPLY NOT
5 JUST A MATTER OF PUTTING A VIDEO CAMERA ON A DEPUTY, BECAUSE
6 THAT OPENS THE DOOR FOR MANY, MANY DIFFERENT THINGS. ONCE WE
7 INSTITUTE EVEN ONE BODY CAMERA FOR A DEPUTY WITHIN LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT OCCUR. ONE, OF
9 COURSE, IS THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, REQUESTS FOR THAT, WHEN THE
10 PUBLIC P.R.A. ACT WAS NEVER INTENDED FOR VIDEO. SO THERE'S
11 SOME LEGISLATION PENDING ON MODIFYING THAT. ADDITIONALLY, ONCE
12 THAT VIDEO IS TAKEN, OR MULTIPLE VIDEOS, IN THE CASE OF, SAY,
13 A PROTEST, THERE MAY BE MULTIPLE DEPUTIES INVOLVED IN AN
14 INCIDENT, MANY THINGS MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THAT VIDEO,
15 WHETHER IT BE LAWSUITS, CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, FORCE
16 INVESTIGATIONS, DEPUTY-INVOLVED MISCONDUCT, AND SO FORTH. SO,
17 THERE ARE CERTAIN LAWS THAT IMPACT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
18 THOSE, AND NOT TO MENTION THE LITIGATION THAT CAN GO ON FOR
19 YEARS. ONCE THAT VIDEO IS OBTAINED -- AND FOR AN EXAMPLE, OUR
20 DEPARTMENT OF THIS SIZE, WE'RE LOOKING AT BETWEEN 3,000 TO
21 5,000 HOURS OF VIDEO PER DAY, SO IT'S A HUGE AMOUNT OF DATA
22 THAT HAS TO BE STORED. THAT'S GOING TO REQUIRE A NUMBER OF
23 PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE TO VET EACH AND EVERY VIDEO THAT
24 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE, DEPENDING UPON WHICH TRACK THAT
25 VIDEO IS GOING TO GO. AND IN MANY CASES, IT'S GOING TO GO DOWN

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1 MULTIPLE TRACKS. SOME VIDEO WILL BE ABLE TO BE RELEASED TO THE
2 PUBLIC. SHERIFF MCDONALD HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO US THAT HE
3 WANTS TO BE ABLE TO RELEASE THE VIDEO THAT HE CAN RELEASE
4 LEGALLY SO THAT THE PUBLIC DOES HAVE ACCESS TO IT. BUT THERE
5 ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS ACTIVE IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS,
6 LAWSUITS, AND SO FORTH, THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT WILL
7 RESTRICT AT CERTAIN TIMES THE RELEASE OF VIDEO. SO, IT MAKES
8 IT VERY COMPLICATED. SO, TO HAVE A STAFF OF INDIVIDUALS TO
9 REVIEW ALL OF THIS VIDEO THAT'S GOING TO BE TAKEN ON A DAILY
10 BASIS AND ALL THE REQUESTS, NOT ONLY FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE
11 AND OTHER JUSTICE PARTNERS BUT ALSO FOR PERSONAL,
12 INVESTIGATIONS, FORCE INVESTIGATIONS AND SO FORTH, SO THAT
13 VIDEO, THEN, IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE SCREENED AND DOWNLOADED TO
14 FILES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
15 ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION. SO, AS YOU SEE -- AND I KNOW I'M
16 GOING VERY RAPIDLY, BUT THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT AVENUES THAT
17 THAT VIDEO CAN GO DOWN. SO, IT'S JUST SIMPLY TAKING A VIDEO IS
18 JUST NOT THAT SIMPLE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, HOW DOES NEW YORK OR MICHIGAN, OTHER
21 LARGE STATES HANDLE THEIR VIDEO CAMERAS?

22

23 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** WELL, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AGENCIES
24 ACROSS AMERICA THAT WE ARE MONITORING ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND
25 IT GOES FROM WE'RE NOT RELEASING ANY VIDEO UNLESS WE HAVE TO

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1 BY COURT ORDER, IN WHICH ALMOST EVERY TIME THERE'S A CHALLENGE
2 THE POLICE AGENCIES HAVE LOST, TO THE POINT WHERE, LIKE
3 SEATTLE, THEY'RE RELEASING EVERYTHING. SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS
4 LIKE SEATTLE HAVE HAD TO PHYSICALLY SHUT DOWN THEIR PROCESS,
5 BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO DEAL WITH ALL OF THESE THINGS
6 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THEY WEREN'T EQUIPPED, DIDN'T
7 UNDERSTAND.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, THEY AREN'T DOING IT NOW.

10

11 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** THEY ARE NOW, BUT THEY JUST NOW GEARED UP
12 AGAIN.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, HOW DO THEY STORE IT?

15

16 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** WELL, THEY STORE IT IN A CLOUD, FOR THE
17 MOST PART. NOW, SMALLER AGENCIES DON'T NEED THAT. BUT LARGE
18 COMPLICATED AGENCIES LIKE OURS, IT'S VERY SOPHISTICATED, VERY
19 LARGE DATA STORING, AND A LOT OF SHARING, BECAUSE THE COUNTY
20 REQUIRES US TO KEEP THE VIDEO FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS. AND
21 THEN THERE'S INCIDENTS WHERE THE LITIGATION GOES ON FOR MANY
22 YEARS AFTER THAT.

23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY IS
2 EQUIVALENT TO A STATE, WHEREAS SEATTLE IS EQUIVALENT TO A
3 SMALL CITY.

4

5 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** EXACTLY. THIS IS A VERY LARGE, COMPLICATED
6 COUNTY. NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE DEPUTIES ON PATROL, WE HAVE THEM
7 IN BUSES, WE HAVE THEM, YOU KNOW, IN JAILS AND COURTS AND
8 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AT MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS. IN
9 ADDITION, WE HAVE OTHER PARTNERS WITHIN THE ENFORCEMENT
10 AGENCIES WITHIN THE COUNTY, LIKE THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,
11 ANIMAL CONTROL, AND OTHERS THAT ARE DOING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS
12 THAT ARE ALSO GOING TO BE IN NEED AT SOME POINT TO BE PARTNERS
13 IN THIS BODY-WORN CAMERA SYSTEM. SO, IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED
14 ISSUE THAT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH, BUT WE ARE MOVING
15 FORWARD WITH IT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE LARGEST POLICE AGENCIES IN THE UNITED
18 STATES, LET'S SAY, EQUIVALENT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
19 WOULD BE WHICH, NEW YORK CITY?

20

21 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** L.A.P.D. WOULD BE OUR CLOSEST PARTNER.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** L.A.P.D., NEW YORK CITY, DO THEY HAVE BODY
24 CAMERAS?

25

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1 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** YES, THEY HAVE BODY CAMERAS.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO THEY STORE THEIR FILM?

4

5 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** THEY STORE THEM THE SAME WAY THAT WE
6 INTEND TO STORE THEM, IN A CLOUD-TYPE SITUATION. THE ISSUE
7 WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IS THEY'RE NOT
8 RELEASING THE VIDEOS UNLESS THEY'RE CHALLENGED, AND THEN THEY
9 WOULD RELEASE THEM. SHERIFF MCDONNELL DOESN'T WANT THAT
10 POLICY. HE WANTS TO RELEASE THE VIDEOS THAT ARE RELEASABLE SO
11 THAT THEIR P.R.A. REQUESTS ARE GRANTED THAT ARE LEGAL AND THAT
12 WE CAN DO.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY ARE WE UNABLE TO FOLLOW THE STORAGE
15 PATTERNS OF LOS ANGELES CITY OR NEW YORK CITY FOR L.A.
16 COUNTY'S SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

17

18 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** WELL, WE ARE GETTING THERE. AS -- AND THE
19 REASON WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN THERE YET IS THAT WE DID A VERY
20 COMPREHENSIVE TEST AND EVALUATION PROCESS. BECAUSE THE
21 TECHNOLOGY AND THE LEGISLATION IS CHANGING SO RAPIDLY, AND OUR
22 DEPARTMENT IS SO BIG AND COMPLEX, WE DIDN'T WANT TO LAUNCH
23 PREMATURELY AND THEN HAVE TO RETOOL FOR SOMETHING THAT WE
24 WEREN'T PREPARED FOR. MANY OF THESE AGENCIES HAVE HAD TO DO
25 THAT. WE'RE AT A POINT NOW WHERE THE TECHNOLOGY, EVEN THOUGH

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1 IT'S EVOLVING VERY RAPIDLY AND WE'RE GOING TO BUILD IN OUR
2 SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY UPDATES, WE'RE AT A POINT NOW WHERE WE'RE
3 ABLE TO REFINER OUR POLICY WHERE WE CAN COMPLY WITH THE DEMANDS
4 OF NOT ONLY OUR DEPARTMENT BUT THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE
5 GOING TO BE CAST UPON US FOR DEALING WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
6 AND OTHER PARTNERS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS YOUR TIMEFRAME?

9

10 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** WE SHOULD HAVE EVERYTHING IN PLACE WITHIN
11 THE YEAR, WITHIN THIS YEAR.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITHIN 2016 OR 2017?

14

15 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** DEPENDING ON HOW WE PHASE IN THE PROGRAM
16 BECAUSE OF THE COST, THIS YEAR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, WHEN IS YOUR TIMELINE TO MAKE THAT
19 DETERMINATION?

20

21 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** IN 2016-2017 IS WHEN OUR BUDGET.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DO YOU MAKE THAT DETERMINATION, WHICH
24 MONTH THAT YOU FINALIZE THE PROCESS AND MOVE FORWARD? IS THAT
25 THIS SPRING, THE SUMMER, OR THE WINTER?

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2 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** WELL, I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHICH MONTH ON
3 THE TIMELINE, BUT WE ARE VERY CLOSE AT THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL TO
4 FINALIZING THE POLICY. WE HAVE ALL REVIEWED IT. WE'VE APPROVED
5 WHAT MODIFICATIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE ON IT. AND OUR
6 NEXT STEP IS TO PRESENT THE -- OUR TECH SPECS TO I.S.D., WHO
7 THEN IS GOING TO DO AN R.F.P., AND THEN FROM THERE, WE'LL HAVE
8 THE TIMELINE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AN R.F.P. IS A 90-DAY, 60-DAY, 30-DAY
11 PROCESS?

12

13 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** I'M NOT SURE ON THAT, SUPERVISOR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE WORKING WITH THE A.L.A.D.S., HAVE
16 THEY BEEN A PART OF THIS?

17

18 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** YES, THE UNIONS AS WELL AS THE A.C.L.U.
19 HAVE BEEN ALL PART OF THAT, THE INTERNATIONAL CHIEFS OF POLICE
20 AND THE POLICE EXECUTIVE RESEARCH FORUM. SO, WE HAVE REACHED
21 OUT TO ALL OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS AS WELL AS OUR
22 CONTACTS TO THE AGENCIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY UTILIZING THESE
23 SYSTEMS.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME OF HAVING THEM IN
2 OPERATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT? AFTER YOU GET THE CONTRACT
3 AWARDED, IS IT 60 DAYS AFTER THAT OR IT TAKES 12 MONTHS TO
4 HAVE EVERYONE WEAR THEIR CAMERA?

5

6 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** I BELIEVE ONCE THE CONTRACT IS AWARDED,
7 IT'S GOING TO GO VERY QUICKLY. PERHAPS, CAPTAIN MARKS, DO YOU
8 HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE TIMEFRAME WOULD BE?

9

10 **CAPTAIN MARKS:** IN ORDER FOR US TO FULLY DEPLOY, JUST WITHIN
11 OUR PATROL STATIONS, IT WOULD TAKE US APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS.
12 THAT'S JUST THE PATROL STATIONS, NOT COUNTING TRANSIT, COURTS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN 2017..

15

16 **CAPTAIN MARKS:** CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ..LOOKING AT 2018.

19

20 **CAPTAIN MARKS:** YES.

21

22 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** THE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING ON A PHASED-IN.
23 HE WAS TALKING ABOUT FULL DEPLOYMENT. YOU KNOW, WE WILL
24 INITIALLY START AT STATION PER STATION PER STATION AS WE MOVE

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1 ALONG. SO, THE ACTUAL INITIAL DEPLOYMENT WILL BE MUCH SOONER
2 THAN THAT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR?

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** FORGIVE ME IF I MISSED SOMETHING, BUT DID
9 WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS GOING TO BE A POLICY AND WHEN WE'RE
10 GOING TO HAVE IT?

11

12 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** YES. WE ARE FINALIZING THE POLICY AS WE
13 SPEAK. WE'VE GOT THE DRAFT POLICY. WE'VE SUGGESTED AT THE
14 EXECUTIVE LEVEL CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE POLICY, AND WE
15 ARE MAKING THOSE NOW. SO OUR POLICY IS VERY CLOSE TO
16 COMPLETION.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO, THERE IS A DRAFT POLICY, THE EXECUTIVE
19 LEVEL IS MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO THE POLICY, AND THEN, EXACTLY
20 WHAT?

21

22 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** ONCE THE SHERIFF APPROVES THE POLICY AND
23 THEN WE WILL HAVE THAT -- HAVE THAT IN PLACE, YES.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND THE 12 MONTHS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT IS
2 THE ROLLOUT THROUGH ALL THE FOLKS THAT HAVE TO WEAR THEM?

3

4 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** THAT'S JUST AN ESTIMATE.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SORRY, SAY AGAIN?

7

8 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** I SAID THAT WOULD BE OUR BEST ESTIMATE,
9 BECAUSE OF THE R.F.P. PROCESS. BUT ONCE WE GET THE CAMERAS, OR
10 ONCE WE GET THE CAMERAS AND WE PUT OUR BUREAU IN PLACE THAT'S
11 GOING TO MONITOR AND CONTROL THE VIDEO, WE WILL BEGIN TO ROLL
12 OUT TO OUR HIGH -- WE'RE PRIORITIZING THE CAMERAS TO OUR
13 HIGHEST RISK AREAS FIRST, AND THEN WE WILL BE MOVING ALONG,
14 BECAUSE WE SIMPLY CAN'T LAUNCH IT EVERYWHERE AT THE SAME TIME.
15 SO THE UNITS THAT HAVE OUR HIGHEST RISK ARE GOING TO GET THE
16 CAMERAS FIRST.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MADAME CHAIR, I WONDER IF I MIGHT ASK MR.
19 HUNTSMAN TOO..

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE, MR. HUNTSMAN, DO YOU WANT TO STEP
22 FORWARD?

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ..ON THIS ITEM? SO, MR. HUNTSMAN.

25

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1 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

2

3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHAT'S YOUR OPINION ABOUT HOW LONG THIS IS
4 TAKING?

5

6 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** WELL, I THINK IT'S TAKING TOO LONG. I THINK THAT
7 THERE'S A BUDGET ITEM THAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD OR IT WILL BE
8 BEFORE THE BOARD THAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A
9 DECISION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF STAFF TO PROVIDE TO THE
10 DEPARTMENT FOR IT, AND I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT
11 CONVERSATION, BECAUSE THERE'S A RANGE OF MONEY THAT CAN BE
12 SPENT, AND I THINK THE BOARD HAS TO AGREE WITH THE SHERIFF ON
13 WHAT THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT IS TO START. BUT I HOPE THAT BOTH
14 SIDES CAN AGREE TO A GOOD AMOUNT AND GET IT FUNDED, AND I HOPE
15 THAT WE CAN GET A COMPANY IN PLACE QUICKER THAN THAT. AND I
16 HOPE WE CAN DO IT SOONER THAN 2018. THAT SEEMS TOO FAR TO ME.
17 BUT, YOU KNOW, THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION ARE THE
18 REALITIES OF THE SITUATION. SO, AS LONG AS IT GETS FUNDED AND
19 WE MOVE FORWARD, THEN I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING. BUT, YOU
20 KNOW, THE POLICY ISSUES HAVE BEEN ON THE TABLE FOR A WHILE. I
21 THINK THEY CAN BE RESOLVED. I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD PRECLUDE
22 FORWARD MOVEMENT. AND I HOPE WE CAN ROLL OUT BODY CAMERAS ONCE
23 WE HAVE A VENDOR QUICKER THAN A YEAR. BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT
24 THERE ISN'T TRUTH TO THE FACT THAT IT TAKES A LONG TIME. BUT

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1 AS LONG AS WE'RE MOVING FORWARD AND THE BOARD AUTHORIZES IT
2 AND THE SHERIFF IS GUNG HO FOR IT, I CALL THAT A WIN.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK WE'VE BEEN SUPPORTIVE AND I
5 THINK WE'VE BEEN INTERESTED IN THE PROGRESS AND I THINK WE'VE
6 ALSO, IN OUR OWN WAYS, RECOGNIZED THE DIFFICULTIES AND THE
7 CONSIDERATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO GO THROUGH. BUT, IF
8 I MAY, JUST ON MY BEHALF, I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS
9 HAPPEN. AND WE'RE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO HAVE THE BUDGET
10 CONVERSATION, BUT I THINK THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY FEEL BETTER
11 ABOUT A BUDGET CONVERSATION IF WE HAD A REAL TIME LINE. AND I
12 UNDERSTAND YOU CAN'T NECESSARILY SAY IT TO ME TODAY. BUT, YOU
13 KNOW, IT'S KIND OF NOT EXACTLY A CHICKEN AND EGG, BUT WE WOULD
14 FEEL MORE CONFIDENT WITH A BUDGET CONVERSATION WITH A
15 TIMELINE.

16

17 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** YEAH, AND UNDERSTANDABLY SO, SUPERVISOR.
18 WE KNOW EVERYBODY WANTS BODY CAMERAS LIKE YESTERDAY, AND WE
19 UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR RISK MANAGEMENT
20 ISSUES. CERTAINLY THE BENEFIT OF HAVING THE BODY CAMERAS IS
21 WELL-KNOWN, YOU KNOW, REDUCTION IN LIABILITY AS WELL AS
22 COMPLAINTS AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT,
23 AND WE UNDERSTAND THE URGENCY. BUT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE NEED
24 TO DO IT RIGHT AND CORRECTLY, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
25 DOING, AND WE HAVE SOME VERY GOOD PEOPLE WORKING ON THIS. OUR

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1 TEST AND EVALUATION CERTAINLY HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE
2 STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE BODY CAMERA SYSTEM. WHAT SEEMS
3 LIKE SOME SIMPLE THINGS ARE NOT AS SIMPLE AS THEY APPEAR,
4 ESPECIALLY WHEN TRAINING OFFICERS ON EXACTLY HOW TO USE THEM
5 AND WHEN THEY TURN THEM ON AND WHEN THEY DON'T. FOR EXAMPLE,
6 WHEN YOU'RE INTERVIEWING VICTIMS AND INFORMANTS AND WITNESSES,
7 HOW MUCH OF THAT GETS RECORDED? AND THAT, WE HAVE WORKED WITH
8 THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON THIS, AS WELL, TO TRY
9 TO WORK OUT SOME OF THESE ISSUES. WITH SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS
10 THAT, THAT BECOMES A LITTLE COMPLICATED. SO, BUT I THINK WE'RE
11 THERE. I MEAN, I THINK WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A POLICY THAT IS
12 GOING TO BE A FLOOR PLAN, IF YOU WILL, FOR AGENCIES ACROSS
13 THIS COUNTRY, BECAUSE WE HAVE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND
14 EFFORT AND RESEARCH AND WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS. WE'VE
15 CONSULTED WITH THE A.C.L.U. WE'VE LOOKED AT THEIR
16 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THEY, DURING THIS PROCESS, HAVE FLIP-
17 FLOPPED ON US ON WHAT THEY WANTED AND WHAT THEY DIDN'T WANT,
18 AND SO WE HAVE WORKED THROUGH THAT. AND I THINK THAT THE
19 TECHNICAL ASPECTS NOW ARE GETTING WORKED OUT. THE DEVELOPMENT
20 OF THESE STORAGE SYSTEMS ARE MUCH BETTER NOW THAN THEY WERE A
21 YEAR AGO. SO, WE KNOW THE TECHNOLOGY'S EVOLVING RAPIDLY. WE
22 KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF MAJOR PROVIDERS OUT THERE THAT WANT TO
23 GET THEIR HANDS ON THIS KIND OF TECHNOLOGY, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW,
24 WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYBODY'S GOING TO HAVE A BODY-WORN CAMERA
25 VERY SOON ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THAT'S JUST THE FUTURE OF LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT. SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT, AND WE ARE MOVING AS FAST
2 AS WE THINK WE CAN WITHOUT MAKING ANY SERIOUS ERRORS.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANYBODY ELSE? I
5 JUST WANT TO SAY, YES, THAT IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THE PROGRESS
6 BEING MADE, BUT WE DO WANT IT TO MOVE QUICKER. AND I DO KNOW
7 THAT THERE HAVE BEEN STUDIES DONE HERE IN CALIFORNIA, RIALTO
8 AS ONE POINT OF CONTACT WHERE THEY USED BODY CAMERAS. HALF OF
9 THE FORCE HAD THEM, AND THE OTHERS DIDN'T. THEY FOUND THAT
10 THERE WAS A DECREASE IN USE OF FORCE AND THAT THE RESULTS WERE
11 ASTOUNDING. SO, I'M JUST THINKING, WHY CAN'T WE LOOK AT THIS
12 IN A DIFFERENT WAY AND MAYBE, AS YOU SAY, TEST IT OUT IN
13 CERTAIN AREAS WHERE THERE'S A HIGH NEED BUT NONETHELESS KEEP
14 IT MOVING? AND I REALIZE THAT THE STAFF THAT WE REALLY NEED
15 ARE THE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THE VIDEO, NOT
16 SO MUCH THE GUYS OUT THERE ON THE STREET. BUT THAT'S
17 IMPORTANT, BUT THAT'S -- WE NEED TO BE HONEST ABOUT WHAT THIS
18 IS REALLY ABOUT. SO, PLEASE GET BACK TO US IN OUR NEXT REPORT
19 AS SOON AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU. AND TELL THE SHERIFF WE ARE
20 ENCOURAGED BY HIS MOVEMENT.

21

22 **CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM:** I WILL. THANK YOU.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS
25 IS RECEIVE AND FILE. OH, WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS. OKAY, THANK

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1 YOU, GENTLEMEN. PRENTISS JENKINS, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS,
2 RUTH SARNOFF, YVONNE AUTRY.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. ERIC PREVEN FROM THE
5 THIRD DISTRICT. BODY-WORN CAMERAS IS A TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS
6 BROUGHT FORWARD IN 2011 THEY TALKED ABOUT IT. IN 2012, THE
7 C.C.J.V. RECOMMENDED THAT WE DO IT. BUT THIS BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS DECIDED TO PUT A BUNCH OF EXPENSIVE WALL CAMERAS
9 ALL OVER THE PRISON, THE JAIL, WHICH WAS A SETBACK. AND NOW WE
10 ARE FACING A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE EXPERIENCING THE KINDS OF
11 DELAYS THAT WE'RE ACCUSTOMED TO WITH THE L.A.S.D. ON THIS KIND
12 OF THING. THEY SAY IT'S BEEN A LOT OF IMPRESSIVE DILIGENCE. I
13 CERTAINLY HOPE SO. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT HAS TAKEN
14 THIS LONG, QUITE FRANKLY. AND ACROSS THE STREET AT THE LOS
15 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, THEY ARE MOVING AGGRESSIVELY
16 FORWARD, IMPROPERLY I WILL SAY, WITH A GROUP CALLED TASER
17 INTERNATIONAL. THEY'RE TRYING TO. THEY PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR
18 TOMORROW AT ITEM 28 -- SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I KNOW YOU
19 REMEMBER THE CITY HALL -- ON ITEM 28, TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 17TH,
20 YOU CAN SEE THEY'RE ACCEPTING A \$500,000 -- IT'S ACTUALLY
21 \$467,000 -- GIFT, DONATION. IT'S UNCLEAR FROM WHO, BUT WE KNOW
22 FROM WHO, TO GET THE PACKAGES OF DATA, AND IT'S CALLED
23 EVIDENCE.COM, I THINK. THEY DON'T MENTION IT IN THE ITEM,
24 BECAUSE IT'S COMPLETELY VEILED, IMPROPERLY, BUT IT NEEDS TO
25 COME FORWARD. AND THIS TECHNOLOGY WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE

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1 PUBLIC AND TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, BECAUSE THEY CAN CLARIFY
2 ISSUES LIKE THAT. AND IT SHOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN THIS LONG TO
3 COME UP WITH A POLICY. AND THE FACT THAT WE'RE HAVING THIS
4 MEETING WITHOUT A POLICY FOR US TO REVIEW, TO LOOK AT, TO
5 DECIDE, TO DRAFT, HEY THIS MAKES SENSE, THAT THE A.C.L.U.,
6 YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN CIVIL-RIGHT DEFENSE ARE LOOKING
7 AT IT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S COVERED. THEY DO NOT LIKE
8 SURVEILLANCE RANDOMLY, BUT THEY LIKE SURVEILLANCE WHERE IT
9 KEEPS EVERYBODY CLEAN AND HONEST. THIS HAS GONE ON SO LONG, I
10 JUST -- YOU KNOW, IT IS PAINFUL. IT IS PAINFUL, BECAUSE I
11 DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FACE YOURSELVES KNOWING THAT YOU'RE NOT
12 DOING ENOUGH. REALLY, YOU OUGHT TO STEP FORWARD. AND THE
13 C.E.O. OUGHT TO BRING FORWARD ANYTHING SHE CAN ABOUT LOBBYIST
14 ACTIVITY WITH THIS GROUP. THANK YOU.

15
16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** EXPIRED. NEXT WITNESS.

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18 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** PRENTISS JENKINS, PUBLISHER OF CITI LIFE
19 NEWSLETTER, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
20 BODY CAMERAS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. ARE THEY SAYING
21 THEY ARE JUST GOING TO RELEASE THEM TO THE SUPERVISORS BASED
22 ON THINGS LIKE THIS?

23
24 **SPEAKER ON RECORDING:** THAT'S RIGHT. WE JUST LEARNED THAT THE
25 FIRST ROLLOUT OF THESE BODY CAMERAS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY

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1 AT MISSION STATION IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THEN OFFICERS
2 AT NEWTON AND THEN AT CENTRAL DIVISION WILL BE TRAINED AND
3 EQUIPPED WITH THEM. APPARENTLY SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER. THIS IS
4 THE FIRST PART OF THE ROLLOUT. THAT'S THE HARDWARE. BUT THE
5 OTHER ISSUE, AS YOU POINTED OUT, IS WHO WILL SEE THE VIDEO
6 CAPTURED BY THOSE CAMERAS? NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVIST PRENTISS
7 JENKINS SAYS HE HAS LONG BELIEVED IN THE BENEFITS OF THE NEW
8 POLICE TECHNOLOGY..

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10 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** THAT'S ME.

11

12 **SPEAKER ON RECORDING:** ..BUT NOT IF IT REMAINS SECRET.

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14 **PRENTISS JENKINS, ON RECORDING:** IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO BE
15 TRANSPARENT IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO SEE IT.

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17 **SPEAKER ON RECORDING:** WHILE THE L.A.P.D. IS SLOWLY ROLLING OUT
18 BODY CAMERAS FOR OFFICERS IN THE FIELD, TODAY ANOTHER
19 CHALLENGE TO THE POLICY ON WHO WILL SEE THE VIDEO. THE
20 DEPARTMENT SAYS, LIKE OTHER CABINETS, ONLY IN RARE --

21

22 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** SO THE QUESTION IS: IS THE SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT GOING TO JUST ALLOW THE SUPERVISORS TO SEE IT, OR
24 ARE THEY GOING TO RELEASE THE BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE TO THE
25 PUBLIC? ARE THEY GOING TO BE LIKE THE L.A.P.D. AND USE BODY

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1 CAMERAS BUT SAY WE'RE NOT GOING TO RELEASE IT TO THE PUBLIC?
2 IS THAT WHAT THEY'RE SAYING THEY'RE GOING TO DO, BECAUSE THE
3 PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW AND SEE WHAT'S ON THOSE BODY
4 CAMERAS. IF IT EXONERATES THE OFFICER, THEN IT EXONERATES THE
5 OFFICER. IF IT CONVICTS THE OFFICER, THEN IT CONVICTS THE
6 OFFICER. BUT THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW, AND WE HAVE A
7 RIGHT TO SEE THAT WITH THOSE BODY CAMERAS. SO THEY SAID THEY
8 WERE GOING TO RELEASE THE BODY CAMERAS. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER
9 THEY ARE SAYING THEY ARE GOING TO RELEASE THEM TO YOU OR
10 THEY'RE GOING TO RELEASE THEM TO THE PUBLIC.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE? MS. SARNOFF?

13

14 **RUTH SARNOFF:** WHO'S NEXT? AM I NEXT?

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16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU ARE, YES.

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18 **RUTH SARNOFF:** CAN I GET BACK TO 2 MINUTES?

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

21

22 **RUTH SARNOFF:** OKAY.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

25

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1 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. A CONCERN I HAVE IS THAT THE --
2 WHEN THE POLICE, WHEN THE SHERIFF OR POLICE REPORTS COME IN
3 AND WHAT INFORMATION AND WHETHER THE VIDEOS ARE -- WHETHER
4 OFFICERS GET PRIVY TO THE VIDEOS AND HOW SOON THE STATEMENTS
5 FROM OFFICER SHOOTINGS TAKE PLACE. I'VE READ IN THE PRESS
6 WHERE SOMETIMES THEY DON'T TAKE PLACE FOR A DAY OR TWO. I
7 DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IN THE
8 IMMEDIATE -- AN IMMEDIATE REPORT WITHIN HOURS SHOULD BE THE
9 STARTING POINT, AND IT SHOULD BE WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF
10 WHAT'S ON THAT TAPE, BECAUSE IT'S EASY TO TAILOR YOUR DEFENSE.
11 AND THERE'S A BIT OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST HERE WHEN THE MAIN
12 PURPOSE, AS WAS STATED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ITSELF,
13 THAT THE PURPOSE OF IT WAS TO PROTECT THE CITY AGAINST
14 LIABILITY AND THIS AND THAT, AND I DIDN'T HEAR MUCH ABOUT
15 PROTECTING PEOPLE INCARCERATED OR OUT IN THE PUBLIC WHERE
16 THEY'RE, YOU KNOW, WHERE THIS TAKES PLACE AWAY FROM THE JAIL
17 SYSTEM, ABOUT PROTECTING THOSE PEOPLE FROM ABUSE, WHICH IS
18 WHERE THIS KIND OF ALL STARTED. SO, I THINK THERE'S SOME
19 ISSUES HERE. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT AREN'T SO HOT ABOUT
20 THAT, AND THAT'S BEEN EXPRESSED AT THE POLICE COMMISSION AND
21 SOME OTHER PLACES. I THINK I'VE SEEN SOME BEGINNINGS OF AT
22 LEAST CHARGES, AND EVEN AFTER PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING'S OUT IN
23 THE OPEN, WE'RE STILL NOT GETTING MUCH IN THE WAY OF
24 CONVICTIONS FOR CRIMES. THANK YOU.

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, THANK YOU.

2

3 **YVONNE AUTRY:** YOU KNOW, WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS JUST HOW
4 TRUE TO REALITY THAT THESE VIDEOS WILL DEPICT WHAT HAS
5 ACTUALLY TRANSPIRED. I DO KNOW THE REALITY OF FABRICATION,
6 WHETHER IT IS EVIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH, ESPECIALLY
7 WHEN DEALING WITH BLACK PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. SO, I AM
8 CONCERNED THAT THE VIDEOS COULD BE QUITE POSSIBLY BE ALTERED,
9 WHETHER IT'S VIRTUAL REALITY AND TO YOUR UNREALITY TO JUSTIFY
10 INCREASED POLICE BRUTALITY, USES OF EXCESSIVE FORCE, RACIAL,
11 ECONOMIC, SEXUAL PROFILING, ESPECIALLY NOW WITH THE INCREASE
12 OF MURDERS OF ESPECIALLY BLACK MEN AND WOMEN. SO, I'M
13 CONCERNED. I HAVE BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED, USUALLY BY WHITE
14 FEMALES WHO HAVE SEXUALLY HARASSED ME, OR THERE HAS BEEN A
15 LATINA, AS WELL, HAVE USUAL THINK THERE'S ALWAYS A VIDEO. "WE
16 HAVE HER VIDEO!" OKAY. THIS FICTITIOUS VIDEO OR SOMETIMES
17 IT'S SOMEONE THAT HAS LOOKED LIKE ME, BUT IN EVERY CASE, THEY
18 HAVE TRIED TO USE SOME FICTITIOUS VIDEO OR ALTERED VIDEO TO
19 INCRIMINATE ME BASED ON MY FEATURES THAT THEY DON'T LIKE, MY
20 MOUTH. IT'S TOO BIG APPARENTLY, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER, THAT MAKES
21 THEM SCARED OR WHATEVER THEY FIND OFFENSIVE. SO, AGAIN, I'M
22 CONCERNED THAT THESE VIDEOS WOULD REMAIN INTACT SO THAT IT
23 WOULD RIGHTEOUSLY AND REALISTICALLY DEPICT WHAT HAS HAPPENED.
24 I HAVE FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED BY POLICE OFFICERS AND
25 THEN ARE FALSELY ACCUSED OF ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICERS,

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1 USUALLY BLACK MEN THAT ARE HANDCUFFED AND ROUTINELY
2 INTIMIDATED. PRENTISS ALWAYS SPEAKS ABOUT THE SEXUAL
3 MANIPULATION OF BLACK MEN AND BLACK WOMEN. AGAIN, IT'S COVERED
4 UP. AND WE'RE ALWAYS, AS WHISTLEBLOWERS AND WITNESSES,
5 INCRIMINATED, DEMONIZED, AND SUBJUGATED TO THIS HORRIBLE
6 STEREOTYPE. SO, WHY WOULD I HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE THAT YOUR
7 VIDEOS WOULD BE USED IN ANY DIFFERENT -- ANY DIFFERENTLY?

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS?

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
12 AND A SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 REPORT BY THE SHERIFF ON THE STATUS
13 OF IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY SPECIAL
14 COUNSEL MERRICK BOBB AND OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW RELATED
15 TO JAIL VIOLENCE AND ON THE FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASING OFFICER-
16 WORN VIDEO CAMERAS FOR ALL CUSTODY PERSONNEL. SO, FROM 2012
17 ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT'S BEEN MARCHING AROUND THE COUNTY BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS FOR FIVE OR TEN YEARS, AND IN THAT PROCESS,
19 THAT FIVE OR TEN YEARS, HOW MUCH HAVE YOU SPENT? AND THIS
20 ARTICLE IS FROM "THE DAILY BREEZE," I BELIEVE. THE MAJORITY OF
21 CLAIMS STEM FROM STREET VIOLENCE, STREET DEPUTIES. EXCESSIVE-
22 FORCE SUITS, LARGELY DUE TO STREET DEPUTIES NOT JAILERS. YET,
23 WE HEAR ALL THESE REPORTS AND THE RISK-MANAGEMENT REPORTS
24 ABOUT SPENDING \$20, \$30, \$40 MILLION TO SETTLE LAWSUITS EVERY
25 YEAR AND FIVE, TEN YEARS FLOATING AROUND WITH CAMERAS. IT'S

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1 NICE TO BE ABLE TO HEAR THAT OTHER CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES
2 HAVE CAMERAS. HOW MANY CAMERAS, HOW MANY MUNICIPALITIES, HOW
3 MANY CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE THESE CAMERAS AND ARE
4 USING THEM, COMPARED TO THE AMOUNT OF PERSONNEL IN THE
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT? PICKING THE L.A.P.D. AS A REFERENCE,
6 THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY SO GREAT. THE CONTRACT CITIES, WOULD
7 THEY BE INVOLVED IN THE STORAGE BECAUSE THE SHERIFFS ARE
8 INVOLVED THERE? AND THE LEGISLATION, FIRST WE HAVE TO HAVE
9 LEGISLATION THAT HAS TO BE CHANGED. NOW WE HAVE TO HAVE
10 LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES THE VIDEOS TO BE HELD FOR TWO YEARS.
11 WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE THAT LEGISLATION? THAT MAKES SENSE. AND
12 METRO? WHO WOULD COVER THAT? WE CAN WATCH YOU, BUT YOU CAN'T
13 WATCH US. HOW IS THAT GETTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT? THAT JUST
14 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, EITHER. 5, 10 YEARS, 5, 10 YEARS. THAT
15 MAKES SENSE.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS A REPORT AND FILE,
18 SO THERE'S NO OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. WE HAVE --
19 MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO BRING UP ITEM 39-A FOR RECONSIDERATION.
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THIS WAS THE ISSUE
23 THAT WE WERE FACING. CURRENTLY IN CALIFORNIA, THE MOTORISTS
24 ARE PAYING OVER \$3 BILLION IN GAS TAXES, REGISTRATION FEES,
25 AND \$6.8 BILLION OF THIS \$10.5 BILLION SUM IS BEING SPENT ON

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1 OTHER ISSUES THAN HIGHWAYS, STREETS, MAINTENANCE AND
2 REHABILITATION. SO, THE PROBLEM IS NOT THAT THE GAS TAX IS TOO
3 LOW, BECAUSE WE ARE THE FOURTH HIGHEST IN THE UNITED STATES IN
4 GAS TAXES. IT'S THAT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE ARE PAYING AT
5 THE PUMP IS NOT BEING TRANSLATED INTO ROADS AND HIGHWAYS AS IT
6 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE. IT'S BEING SPENT IN OTHER AREAS. 65
7 PERCENT IS BEING SPENT FOR OTHER THAN THE TRANSIT NEEDS: THE
8 ROADS, FREEWAYS, HIGHWAYS, CONSTRUCTION. WHAT THEY OUGHT TO BE
9 DOING IS INSURING AT THE STATE LEVEL THOSE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT
10 ARE BEING FED THROUGH THE GAS TAX STAND ON THEIR OWN WITH
11 THEIR OWN BUDGETS BUT NOT HAVE THE GAS TAX SUPPORT THEM. THE
12 ONLY OTHER AGENCY THAT DESERVES REVENUE WOULD BE THE HIGHWAY
13 PATROL, WHICH IS A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE, BECAUSE THEY'RE
14 RELATED TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE TRUCK REGULATIONS, TRUCK
15 WEIGHTS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. BUT HAVING 65 PERCENT OF THE
16 DOLLARS BEING SPENT FOR OTHER ISSUES IS NOT RIGHT. INCLUDING
17 FEDERAL TAXES, CALIFORNIANS ARE PAYING JUST UNDER 61 CENTS A
18 GALLON, WHICH IS THE FOURTH HIGHEST IN THE UNITED STATES. AND
19 THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANOTHER DIME THAT WILL BE ADDED IN THE
20 CAP-AND-TRADE FEES, WHICH WOULD MAKE CALIFORNIA THE HIGHEST
21 TAXING STATE. SO THE FORMER -- I SHOULDN'T SAY FORMER, A
22 POLITICAL WRITER, DAN WALTERS, WHO MANY OF US KNOW AND WORKED
23 WITH IN THE PAST, HAS BEEN VERY GOOD IN WRITING SOME OF THESE
24 ARTICLES POINTING OUT SOME OF THE WASTE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN
25 MICHIGAN, FOR EVERY \$1 MICHIGAN SPENDS ON ROADS, CALIFORNIA

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1 SPENDS \$3. THAT'S AS MUCH PER MILE OF STATE-CONTROLLED
2 HIGHWAY. CALTRANS CONSTRUCTION COSTS ARE STAFFED BY 3,000 PLUS
3 EMPLOYEES, AND 54 PERCENT OF THEIR WORKFORCE WERE WITHIN THREE
4 YEARS OF RETIREMENT AS OF MARCH 2014. SO, FOR EVERY MILE OF
5 HIGHWAY IT CONTROLS, THEY SPENT APPROXIMATELY 77,000 MILES ON
6 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. SO, THE TAX DOLLARS SPENT ON INITIATIVES
7 SUCH AS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, WHICH INCLUDES OTHER ISSUES
8 THAN THE ROADS, SO BEFORE THE GOVERNOR SEEKS TO RAISE THESE
9 TAXES, HE OUGHT TO HAVE THE LEGISLATURE SHOW THE PUBLIC WHAT
10 THEY ARE DOING WITH THEIR CURRENT DOLLARS. AND THOSE REFORMS
11 COULD BE DONE AT THE STATE LEVEL BY REFORMING HOW THE GAS TAX
12 IS BEING SPENT, BECAUSE IT'S BEING -- YOU COULD SAY HIGHWAY
13 ROBBERY IN THAT THEY'RE BEING USED FOR OTHER ISSUES THAN FOR
14 ROAD CONSTRUCTION, AS THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, THAT ITEM PREVIOUSLY WAS
17 ADOPTED. THERE WAS ONE ABSTENTION.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VOTE NO.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, YEAH, THERE'S ONE ABSTENTION AND ONE
22 NO. SO, IT'S 3 VOTES CARRIES. OKAY, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
23 THANK YOU. CLERK?

24

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM C.S.-2,
2 C.S.-3, C.S.-4 AND C.S.-5, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THESE
3 ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 23RD, 2016.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION? MEMBERS, WE'LL GO ON
6 NOW TO ITEM NO. 2. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME... YOU KNOW WHAT? MOVE IT.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM IS MOVED. SECONDED. DO WE HAVE
11 SPEAKERS? I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO HEAR ANYBODY. YES, WE DO.
12 WE DON'T NEED TO HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT, BUT WE DO HAVE SOME
13 SPEAKERS, THOUGH: ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, AND WE HAVE A
14 VISITOR FROM LANCASTER, WAYNE FROM ENCINO, WHO IS NOW IN
15 LANCASTER.

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17 **ERIC PREVEN:** IS MR. LANCASTER GOING TO GO, OR WE'RE GOING TO
18 HOLD OFF?

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, RIGHT NOW. YOU'RE HERE.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN, THIRD DISTRICT. THANK YOU. THIS IS
23 KUEHL AND SOLIS GETTING A LITTLE REPORT BACK FOR A FIVE-
24 SIGNATURE TO THE COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REGARDING OUR
25 BELOVED ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. NOBODY LOVES THE ARMY CORPS

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1 OF ENGINEERS MORE THAN ME. THEY ARE THE FOLKS WHO WORK ON, FOR
2 EXAMPLE, OUR DRAINAGE AND OUR MARINA DEL REY, SUPERVISOR KNABE
3 AND OTHERS. SO, THIS IS A GROUP THAT IS WELL IN PARTNERSHIP
4 WITH THE COUNTY. BUT WE QUIBBLE WITH THEM ABOUT FUNDING. WE
5 ALL REMEMBER THE \$4.7-SOMETHING MILLION, AND WE'RE GOING TO
6 TRY TO GET PLENTY OF MONEY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SET UP
7 WHERE NEEDED. THIS GROUP HAS FINALLY STEPPED UP UNDER THE
8 GREAT LEADERSHIP OF A GUY NAMED MARK COHEN. I FORGET HIS EXACT
9 TITLE, BUT HE'S THE REGULATORY CHIEF. AND THEY'RE GOING TO
10 HOLD A HEARING ON BOAT CENTRAL, WHICH YOU HEARD ABOUT IN THE
11 CITY WATCH L.A. AND YOU'VE READ ABOUT REGARDING AUTOMATED BOAT
12 VALET SERVICE THAT WAS APPROVED WHEN EVERYBODY WAS OUT
13 SLEEPING AND NEEDS TO BE RETHOUGHT --

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH -- IT'S
16 NOT ON TOPIC. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ITEM.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, IT'S THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERING THAT'S
19 HAVING THE HEARING IN MARCH. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN -- I'M SORRY. ARNOLD
22 SACHS.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. WOULD THIS BE ON TOP OF WHEN IT
25 TALKS ABOUT THE L.A. RIVER AND THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND

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1 THE FUNDING DISCREPANCY OR THE SHORTAGE THAT WAS NEEDED TO
2 FULFILL THE NECESSITIES OR THE CONCERNS REGARDING EL NIÑO?
3 WOULD THAT BE ON TOPIC, SUPERVISOR KNABE?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** IF YOU WANT MY OPINION, YES.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT WOULD BE? NO, I SAID IT WOULD BE ON TOPIC. SO
8 IT WOULD BE ON TOPIC?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** YES.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY, SO, I JUST ASKED BECAUSE YOU ARE -- IT'S
13 GOOD TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE LISTENING AND PAYING ATTENTION THERE
14 AND I APPRECIATE THAT..

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M NOT LISTENING TO YOU.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ..BECAUSE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT
19 BACK BEFORE THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS TALKING ABOUT
20 THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AND FUNDING FOR
21 THAT, AND IT WAS LIKE, WAIT A MINUTE, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE
22 L.A. RIVER FUNDING, AND HOW DID THAT SITUATION EVER PLAY OUT?
23 WE STILL DON'T KNOW. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH STARTED TALKING
24 ABOUT THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AND SOME
25 FUNDING THERE, AND I HAPPENED TO MENTION THAT THAT WASN'T ON

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1 THE AGENDA. AND MY REPLY WAS -- THE REPLY WAS, YOU SHOULD BE
2 PAYING ATTENTION, AND I'M TRYING TO THINK I WAS, BECAUSE
3 THAT'S WHY I COME HERE, BECAUSE I LEARN HOW TO PAY ATTENTION.
4 SO --

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S NOT ON TOPIC.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** PAYING ATTENTION IS.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT. YOU'RE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR
11 KNABE.

12

13 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC AT THIS POINT. WE'RE ON ITEM
14 2, SIR. PLEASE GET BACK ON TOPIC. THANK YOU.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M RESPONDING TO THE SUPERVISOR. HE MADE A
17 COMMENT. AND I'M SAYING THAT --

18

19 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, THIS ISN'T PUBLIC COMMENT TIME.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M NOT MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT. THE SUPERVISORS
22 ARE. YOU NEED TO PAY ATTENTION. SO, DID THEY RESOLVE THE
23 SITUATION WITH THE FUNDING FOR THE L.A. RIVER WITH THE ARMY
24 CORPS OF ENGINEERS? DID YOU GET THE FUNDING THAT YOU NEEDED?

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL FROM LANCASTER.

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3 **WAYNE FROM ENCINO:** YES. THE FIRST THING THEY NEED TO DO,
4 THAT'S WHY I'M UP HERE TODAY, I WENT UP TO LAKE HUGHES THE
5 LAST TWO DAYS. LAKE HUGHES ROAD HAS BEEN DECIMATED BY THE LACK
6 OF DRAINAGE. THEY NEED TO GET UP THERE AND REMEDIATE THE
7 DRAINAGE, 'CAUSE ON LAKE HUGHES ROAD FROM ELIZABETH LAKE ALL
8 THE WAY DOWN TO MILE 5.1. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
9 THEY'RE NOT DOING. AS SOON AS IT RAINS, ALL THE WATER GOES
10 DOWN. THE PUBLIC ROAD AND BEHIND US AND ALL OF OUR PROPERTIES
11 GET DESTROYED. SO, WHAT THEY NEED TO DO IS REMEDIATE AND COME
12 UP WITH A DRAINAGE PLAN AND CLEAN OUT THE DRAINAGE THAT WAS
13 ALREADY PLACED THERE. THEY'RE NOT DOING IT. AND WHAT I LIKE
14 ABOUT THE KNABE GUY IS THAT HE JUST GOES AHEAD AND JUST DOES
15 AWAY WITH THE REPORT. AND THESE MEETINGS ARE TOO LONG. AND
16 THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY, I MEAN THE BOTTOM LINE IS
17 EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE PASSED. NOBODY'S GOING TO OBJECT TO
18 ANYTHING. BUT YOU'RE LETTING PEOPLE BE DESTROYED BY ALL OF
19 THIS RUNOFF IN THESE BURN AREAS. AND ALSO, ALL THIS TRASH GOES
20 ALL OVER THE PLACE AND DOESN'T GET PICKED UP. AND YOU'RE
21 PUTTING THE BURDEN OF YOUR PICKUP ON PRIVATE LANDS. AND I'VE
22 TRIED REPEATEDLY TO GET SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THIS, BUT IT'S
23 NOT GETTING DONE. THAT SHOULD BE IN YOUR REPORT, BECAUSE
24 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS THAT THIS DRAINAGE PLAN IS NOT BEING
25 DONE. THE REMEDIATION IS NOT BEING DONE. THAT'S GOING TO BE

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1 COUNTY LIABILITY, EVEN THOUGH D.W.P. ORIGINALLY SET THE FIRE,
2 WHICH WE ALL KNOW THEY DID. BUT THEY'VE ALREADY TOLD US
3 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO PAY ANYMORE. THEY'RE KIND OF LIKE SEMPRA.
4 THEY DON'T CARE. YOU KNOW, I'M A UTILITY. I DON'T CARE. SO
5 IT'S ON YOUR BACKS TO TAKE CARE OF THIS PROBLEM, BECAUSE IT'S
6 GOING TO RAIN AGAIN IN WEEK AND MY DRIVEWAY IS COMPLETELY
7 WASHED AWAY. I WANT IT STOPPED, AND I WANT IT STOPPED NOW.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.
10 YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS NOT PART OF THE FLOOD
13 CONTROL DISTRICT. WE HAVE TRIED TO GET THEM TO BE PART OF IT.
14 WE'VE HAD SOME COMMUNITY ELECTIONS, AND IT HAS BEEN VOTED
15 DOWN. I KNOW THAT THE VOTERS THERE OUGHT TO HAVE AN
16 OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO JOIN THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT SO
17 THAT THE ENTIRE COUNTY WILL BE PROTECTED, AND RIGHT NOW WE'RE
18 NOT BECAUSE PART OF THE VALLEY IS NOT. SO THAT'S FOR THE
19 RECORD, AND THE PEOPLE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY KNOW THAT. I KNOW
20 MANY OF THOSE WHO HAVE POSED IT IN THE PAST WOULD BE
21 SUPPORTING OF FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. SO, OUR OFFICE IS
22 WORKING ON THAT AS WE SPEAK.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
25 SOLIS. SECONDED BY SHEILA KUEHL. AND IS THERE NO OBJECTION?

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1 THERE WE GO. OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE
2 HAVE ITEM 19.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, I HELD THAT ITEM. AND
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MYSELF HAVE A JOINT MOTION TO AMEND THIS
6 ITEM 19 AS IT RELATES TO THIS WHOLE FEASIBILITY STUDY. AND SO
7 WE KNOW THAT I.S.D. IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A FEASIBILITY
8 STUDY FOR COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY WITH A POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE OUR RESIDENTS WITH CHEAPER,
10 CLEANER ENERGY. THEY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTING BIMONTHLY REPORTS
11 DETAILING THE WORK BY THE COUNTY C.C.A., SO WE THEREFORE MOVE
12 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF I.S.D.
13 TO INCLUDE IN THEIR C.C.A. REPORTS A DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL
14 USES FOR THIS P.U.C. FUNDING AS IT RELATES TO THE COUNTY'S
15 DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM. AND
16 THAT'S OUR AMENDMENT TO THE ITEM. AND WITH THAT, I MOVE
17 APPROVAL.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED AND SECONDED AS AMENDED. AND
20 WE DO HAVE SOME SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD:
21 JOSEPH SULLIVAN, ARNOLD SACHS, SHELIA WARD, JOE GALLIANI, ERIC
22 PREVEN. ERIC PASSES, THANK YOU. OKAY. AND THEN, LASTLY, WAYNE
23 FROM LANCASTER.

24

25 **WAYNE FROM LANCASTER:** YAY!

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE LAST. OKAY. LET'S GO HERE. JOSEPH
3 SULLIVAN.

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5 **JOSEPH SULLIVAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
6 YOUR TIME AND YOUR SERVICE. I'M JOSEPH SULLIVAN. I WORK FOR
7 THE I.B.E.W., INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS,
8 LOCAL 11, AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION.
9 AND I WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS FOR --
10 THAT ARE TO GO TOWARDS THE EXISTING REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK
11 AND REGIONAL ENERGY COALITION. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME OF
12 THESE FUNDS ALLOCATED TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION
13 AND FOCUS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY THERE. A BIG PART OF COMMUNITY
14 CHOICE AGGREGATION IS NOT JUST DEVELOPING RENEWABLE ENERGY OR
15 PURCHASING REQS. IT'S FIRST GETTING THE CITY'S ENERGY
16 EFFICIENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE A BETTER JOBS CREATOR
17 THAN WHAT WE'VE SEEN THE PAST TWO YEARS. FRANKLY, I DON'T
18 BELIEVE WE'VE SEEN A LOT OF WORK FROM THE REGIONAL ENERGY
19 NETWORK. AND C.C.A.S ARE EXPLODING UP AND DOWN THE STATE. AND
20 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CITIES THAT WANT TO GET ON BOARD WITH
21 THIS. WHERE THE CURRENT PROGRAM HAS BEEN OUTREACHING TO
22 CITIES, TRYING TO GET THEM TO LOOK AT MAYBE POSSIBLY DOING
23 SOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY WITH ONE BUILDING, THIS, WE HAVE GROUPS
24 OF CITIES COMING TOGETHER LOOKING FOR HELP. SO, IT'S A MUCH

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1 EASIER SELL, IF YOU WILL. AND I GUESS THAT'S REALLY MY MAIN
2 POINTS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NEXT WITNESS,
5 PLEASE.

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7 **JOE GALLIANI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS JOE GALLIANI.
8 I'M THE CHAIR OF SOUTH BAY CLEAN POWER, WHICH IS AN AD HOC
9 CITIZENS-LED GROUP. I'M HERE TO SAY THANK YOU. THANK YOU,
10 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KNABE.
11 YOU'VE BEEN THE CHAMPIONS ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S C.C.A. SINCE
12 WE STARTED THIS INITIATIVE TWO YEARS AGO. AND I'M PRETTY PROUD
13 TO BE SITTING NEXT TO JOE SULLIVAN FROM THE I.B.E.W. AND WE'RE
14 WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR FRIENDS IN LABOR ON ECONOMIC AND
15 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES HERE. I'VE BEEN WORKING TWO YEARS
16 PRO BONO ON THIS PROJECT, AND WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT HAVING
17 LABOR PARTNER WITH US ON THIS ON THIS. UP AND DOWN THE STATE,
18 IF YOU'VE STUDIED THE HISTORY OF C.C.A.S, COMMUNITY CHOICE
19 PROGRAMS, LABOR AND COMMUNITIES AND THEIR UTILITIES HAVE NOT
20 BEEN GETTING ALONG AND NOT BEEN PARTNERING. IT WAS OUR INTENT
21 ALL ALONG TO HAVE OUR FRIENDS FROM LABOR AT THE TABLE TO HELP
22 CREATE THIS PROGRAM AND TO HELP GIVE US THEIR EXPERTISE IN
23 AREAS LIKE ENERGY EFFICIENCY. WE KNOW THAT EVERY WATT THAT WE
24 SAVE IS A WATT WE DON'T HAVE TO GENERATE AND ADD NEW RENEWABLE
25 ENERGY TO THE GRID FOR. AND WE THINK THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT ON

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1 OUR C.C.A. PROGRAM IS THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASPECTS. AND IN
2 FACT, THOSE ARE PROGRAMS THAT WE CAN START ON DAY ONE. BEFORE
3 WE ADD A SOLAR PANEL OR ANY STORAGE OR INFRASTRUCTURE, WE CAN
4 BE CUTTING OUR ENERGY NEEDS. AND I KNOW FROM LISTENING TO OUR
5 FRIENDS AT NOT ONLY THE I.B.E.W. 11 BUT THE NATIONAL
6 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION, THEY HAVE SOME TERRIFIC
7 EXPERTISE AND SOME REAL SHARP PLANS FOR HOW WE CAN INTEGRATE
8 OUR C.C.A. OPERATION WITH THIS AVAILABLE FUNDING. AND SO, I
9 JUST HAVE TO SAY NOT ONLY THANK YOU TO YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
10 WHO IS MY SUPERVISOR IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, BUT YOURSELF, AS
11 WELL, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BECAUSE EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE ASKED
12 FOR IN TERMS OF COOPERATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT YOU'VE
13 BEEN VERY HELPFUL WITH AND YOUR STAFFS HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONAL.
14 SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS,
19 AND THIS IS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO PAY ATTENTION. GENTLEMAN
20 MENTIONED THE HISTORY OF THE STATE, AND SO I'M THINKING
21 HISTORY OF THE STATE IN UTILITIES, AND I'M THINKING ABOUT THE
22 DEREGULATION FIASCO THAT HAPPENED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
23 BACK IN THE LATE 90S, WHERE UTILITIES WENT TO DEREGULATE
24 ELECTRICITY BECAUSE IT WOULD SAVE THE PUBLIC MONEY. AND LO AND
25 BEHOLD, NO MONEY WAS SAVED. IMAGINE THAT. THE LEGISLATORS AND

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1 THE UTILITIES LIED TO THE PUBLIC. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO
2 PAY ATTENTION. SO, EARLIER SOMEBODY MENTIONED THE L.A.P.D. AND
3 THE CAMERA PLAN. SO, I WAS THINKING FOR THE UTILITY PROGRAM,
4 WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A PAGE OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND
5 POWER FROM THE CITY OF L.A.? THEY SEEM TO BE SUCH AN ALL-STAR
6 AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR SUSTAINABILITY. BUT WHAT'S FASCINATING
7 ACTUALLY ABOUT THIS ITEM IS THE \$21,700,000 FROM THE
8 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
9 2016, \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016, AND AN
10 ADJUSTMENT OF \$10 MILLION UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/16. WELL,
11 THE ONLY PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/16 THAT'S LEFT IS 2016.
12 SO, THAT'S LIKE \$32 MILLION, OVER \$32 MILLION FOR THE FISCAL
13 YEAR 2016. SO, WE WENT FROM \$21 MILLION TO \$32 MILLION JUST
14 LIKE THAT. THAT'S AN \$11 MILLION INCREASE. NOW, IF YOU CAN
15 FIND THAT KIND OF FUNDING FOR UTILITIES, MAYBE YOU CAN FIND
16 THAT KIND OF FUNDING FOR SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INCLUDE THE
17 UTILITIES.

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19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER IS FROM LANCASTER.

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21 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. THIS IS THE POVERTY PIMP SECTION OF THE
22 MEETING. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE I.B.E.W., LIKE TO THANK BRIAN
23 DARCY. YES. WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OUR RATE HIKES. AND
24 WE'D LIKE TO THANK SEMPRA ENERGY, LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THAT
25 NICE LITTLE GAS LEAK. THANK YOU FOR CAPPING IT. NOW, WHO

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1 REGULATES SEMPRA? C.P.U.C. AND WHO'S THE ONE THREATENED WITH
2 EXTINCTION? THE C.P.U.C. SO, HOW DO YOU SURVIVE AS AN ANIMAL
3 IN THE JUNGLE? YOU GET FRIENDS TO SURROUND YOU. SO, YOU'RE
4 TAKING MONEY FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT SACRAMENTO POLITICIANS
5 ARE THINKING OF ELIMINATING: THE C.P.U.C. SO, YOU'LL TAKE THE
6 \$21 MILLION. NOW IT'LL BE TIME FOR YOU TO SUPPORT BY
7 LEGISLATIVE MEANS THE CONTINUATION OF THE C.P.U.C. AND NOT
8 ELIMINATING THE C.P.U.C., BECAUSE THEY GIVE YOU SO MUCH FREE
9 MONEY, WHICH IS MY MONEY, BUT YOU TOOK MY MONEY. YOU GAVE IT
10 TO THE C.P.U.C. TO GIVE BACK TO YOU TO GIVE TO YOUR FAMOUS
11 LITTLE POVERTY PIMPS THAT IN TURN DONATE TO ALL YOUR
12 CAMPAIGNS. ISN'T THAT A NICE SOCIETY WE LIVE IN? AND YOU
13 WONDER WHY YOU PICK UP A NEWSPAPER AND YOU FIND A SUPREME
14 COURT JUSTICE DEAD WITH A PILLOW ON HIS HEAD AND NO AUTOPSY.
15 THIS IS THE WORLD WE LIVE IN: CORRUPTION, CORRUPTION, AND
16 POVERTY PIMPS. YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE MONEY FROM AN ORGANIZATION
17 THAT MAY BE SHUT DOWN. SO, WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING IS, THE
18 C.P.U.C. WILL LIVE EVEN THOUGH IT NEVER REGULATED THE GAS
19 INDUSTRY AND KILLS ANIMALS AND POISONS PEOPLE. WAY TO GO,
20 PEOPLE. WAY TO GO.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US, 19. IT IS
23 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY KUEHL, AS AMENDED. ANY
24 OBJECTIONS? HEARING NONE, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, WE

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1 HAVE SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ADJOURNMENTS. AND MEMBERS, AND
2 WE WILL GO WITH SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S WITH A GREAT
5 DEAL OF SADNESS THAT I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
6 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JIM SEAL, WHO'S ACTUALLY MY NEIGHBOR IN
7 SANTA MONICA. ACTUALLY BEGAN HIS ADULT LIFE AS A VERY RADICAL
8 PERSON, KIND OF TEMPTED BY THE WEATHERMEN AND OTHER GROUPS,
9 AND AS HE LIVED HIS LIFE AND WENT ALONG GOT LESS AND LESS AND
10 LESS ENCHANTED WITH THE LEFT AND MORE AND MORE AND MORE
11 ENCHANTED WITH SORT OF THE SOFT RIGHT. BUT A VERY WONDERFUL
12 MAN, A GREAT NEIGHBOR. HE WORKED FOR THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY IN
13 PICO RIVERA. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN UNION AND POLITICAL CAUSES.
14 THEN, WHEN THE FORD MOTOR PLANT SHUT DOWN, HE RETRAINED AS A
15 BUS DRIVER, MOVED INTO MANAGEMENT AT COMMUTER BUS LINES IN
16 LYNWOOD, AND LATER A DRIVER FOR THE SANTA MONICA BIG BLUE BUS.
17 HE THEN WENT ON TO ORGANIZE PRIVATE BUS COMPANIES INTO THE BUS
18 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THEN WORKED TO FORM THE
19 ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT PASSENGER RAIL OPERATORS. HE
20 LOBBIED FOR TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION IN L.A. AND SACRAMENTO,
21 IN D.C. AND WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER -- AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT HIM
22 AGAIN AT METRO -- LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY
23 COUNCIL TO METRO IN LOS ANGELES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
24 KATHY, AND HIS SONS ZACH AND JEFF. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
25 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RUTH REYNOLDS STRAATSMA,

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1 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 21ST. SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE
2 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL FACULTY WIVES, PRESIDENT OF WESTLAKE SCHOOL
3 PARENT ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT OF THE BEL AIR SKYCREST
4 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, AND COFOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF
5 U.C.L.A.'S JULES STEIN EYE INSTITUTE AFFILIATES. SHE WAS ALSO
6 THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR AT BEL AIR PRESBYTERIAN
7 CHURCH FOR 15 YEARS AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE L.A.
8 PHILHARMONIC COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC
9 ENCORE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, BRADLEY, TWO DAUGHTERS,
10 CARY STRAATSMA EWING AND GREER RUTH STRAATSMA, AND HER SON, B.
11 DEREK STRAATSMA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL EARL DAVIS, AN AMERICAN
13 PUPPETEER, AN ACTOR, A WRITER, A SINGER, A SONGWRITER, A FOUR-
14 TIME EMMY AWARD WINNER, WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 23RD. HIS CREDITS
15 INCLUDE MR. SNUFFLEUPAGUS ON SESAME STREET, DR. TICKTOCK IN
16 TICKTOCK MINUTES, WHICH WAS A MUSICAL SERIES ON P.B.S. HIS
17 LIFE MISSION WAS TO INSTRUCT, STRENGTHEN, AND ENCOURAGE
18 CHILDREN OF ALL AGES THROUGH THE IMAGINATIVE USE OF MUSIC AND
19 PUPPETRY. AT THE TIME OF HIS DIAGNOSIS OF COLON CANCER, HE
20 DIDN'T HAVE ANY MEDICAL INSURANCE. SO, HE AND HIS FRIENDS
21 RAISED THE MONEY TO PAY FOR HIS TREATMENT AND EXPENSES. AND,
22 MEMBERS, I MOVE WITH SOME REAL SADNESS THAT WE ADJOURN IN
23 MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL WOMAN, SHEILA OSTROW, WHO
24 DIED FEBRUARY 10TH. AFTER I WAS ELECTED AND COULD NO LONGER
25 CHAIR THE SOJOURN SHELTER FOR BATTERED WOMEN BOARD, SHEILA,

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1 WHO HAD BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR MANY YEARS, TOOK OVER AS THE
2 CHAIR. THE JOKE WAS YOU HAD TO BE OUR HEIGHT AND NAMED SHEILA
3 OR YOU COULDN'T CHAIR THE SOJOURN BOARD. SHE WAS AN AMAZING
4 EXAMPLE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. SHE VOLUNTEERED WITH THE P.T.A.,
5 SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAMS. SHE HELPED SAVE THE SANTA MONICA PIER.
6 SHE WAS A LONGTIME BOARD MEMBER, AS I SAID, OF THE SOJOURN
7 BOARD. SHE WAS AN ELECTION OFFICIAL. BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT
8 THING ABOUT SHEILA IS SHE WAS SO GIVING. SHE WOULD HEAR THAT
9 YOUR CAR BROKE DOWN, AND SHE WOULD COME AND GET YOU. AND THEN
10 SHE WOULD DRIVE YOU EVERYWHERE UNTIL YOUR CAR WAS FIXED. I HAD
11 AN ISSUE WHERE MY KNEE SWELLED UP AND I COULDN'T WALK AND SHE
12 CALLED ME AND CAME AND GOT MY NEIGHBOR TO OPEN UP MY HOUSE SO
13 THAT SHE COULD COME IN AND BRING ME A CANE. BUT SHE NEVER
14 ACTED AS THOUGH SHE WANTED YOU TO THANK HER FOR THIS. THIS WAS
15 JUST HER NATURAL WAY OF BEING. I MEAN, IT WAS LIKE SUNSHINE
16 CAME INTO THE ROOM WHEN SHE WALKED IN. SHE AND HER HUSBAND,
17 MAYNARD, RAN ALL THE GAMES ON THE SANTA MONICA PIER, FOR YEARS
18 AND YEARS AND YEARS, AND ALL THE GAMES AT CIRCUS CIRCUS, WHERE
19 IF YOU GOT TIRED OF GAMBLING, YOU'D GO UPSTAIRS AND, YOU KNOW,
20 PLAY SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T COST YOU ANY MONEY. AND SO, EVERY
21 TIME THERE WAS A COMMUNITY EVENT, SHE AND MAYNARD WOULD BRING
22 LIKE A THOUSAND STUFFED ANIMALS, YOU KNOW, THEIR PRIZES FROM
23 THE PIER, TO GIVE AWAY TO THE CHILDREN, TO GIVE AWAY FOR
24 FAVORS, WHATEVER. JUST A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL WOMAN. I MOVE
25 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF ROBERT SHOBER. WHEN HE

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1 FIRST MOVED TO L.A. FROM MINNESOTA, HE JOINED A RELOCATION
2 FIRM AND WITH HIS PARTNER, DAVID STADLER, CREATED WHAT BECAME
3 THE LARGEST COMPANY OF THAT KIND IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE
4 THEN FOLLOWED HIS BUSINESS SUCCESS WITH A 30-YEAR DEDICATION
5 TO THE NONPROFIT PATH, PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS. BOB WAS
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, VIRGINIA MITCHELL CAMPBELL, HIS SIBLINGS
7 JANE HARRIS, ELIZABETH, AND PETER SHOBER. AND I FORGOT TO
8 MENTION THAT SHEILA IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, NATALIE, IVY
9 AND OLIVER. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
10 IN MEMORY OF TERRY RILLY, WHO STARTED HER BUSINESS CAREER AS A
11 FASHION BUYER FOR A LARGE RETAILER AND PROGRESSED OVER THE
12 YEARS INTO A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSWOMAN IN BEVERLY HILLS. SHE
13 GAVE HER ALL TO EVERYTHING SHE DID. SHE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT
14 FASHION BUT ALSO ABOUT FRIENDS AND FAMILY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
15 HER SISTERS, DORENE WAIT AND EILEEN DAVIS. AND FINALLY I MOVE
16 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAY
17 COLCORD, A PROLIFIC COMPOSER FOR TELEVISION AND FILM WHO WROTE
18 THE MUSIC FOR MORE THAN 700 TELEVISION SHOWS, FEATURE FILMS,
19 MINI SERIES AND SPECIALS, GOT EMMY NOMINATIONS, A.S.C.A.P.
20 AWARDS, B.M.I. AWARDS, DRAMA-LOGUE AWARDS ALL ALONG THE WAY.
21 HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS AND LYRICISTS, A
22 FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE TELEVISION ACADEMY, AND AN APPOINTEE OF
23 THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO THE NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION
24 BOARD. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MADELEINE, HIS SON, ALEX,
25 AND HIS BROTHER, MARC. THANK YOU.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR
3 KNABE?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I MOVE
6 TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. JERRY CUNNINGHAM, WHO
7 WAS A FORMER DIRECTOR OF OUR COUNTY BEACHES AND HARBORS
8 DEPARTMENT. JERRY SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 6TH AT THE
9 AGE OF 86. HE RETIRED SHORTLY AFTER THE TWO DEPARTMENTS
10 MERGED. IT USED TO BE THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND USED TO BE
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF HARBORS. AND WHEN THEY MERGED BACK IN 1984,
12 JERRY RETIRED. HE BECAME A BEACH LIFEGUARD IN 1946, MOVED
13 THROUGH THE RANKS, BECOMING A PERMANENT LIFEGUARD IN 1951 ALL
14 THE WAY UP AND BECAME DIRECTOR OF BEACHES IN 1979. HE
15 CONTINUED AS DIRECTOR, AND AS I MENTIONED, UNTIL THE MERGER
16 BETWEEN THE TWO AND RETIRED IN 1984. IN 1999, HE RECEIVED THE
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIFEGUARD LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. HE IS
18 SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
19 OF MARGO LATIF, A WHITTIER COLLEGE STUDENT WHO WAS TRAGICALLY
20 LOST HER LIFE LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF 20. SHE WAS A POLITICAL
21 SCIENCE MEMBER, WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHOIR, A PEER MENTOR,
22 MEMBER OF A LOCAL SORORITY, AND INVOLVED IN OTHER COMMUNITY
23 GROUPS. SHE WAS BORN IN HAWAII, HAD AMBITIONS OF WORKING FOR
24 THE U.N., AND HAD A PASSIONATE LOVE FOR MUSIC. SHE IS SURVIVED

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1 BY HER PARENTS AND THREE SISTERS. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY
2 ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT TODAY WE
7 ADJOURN ALSO IN MEMORY OF JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA, SUPREME
8 COURT JUSTICE WHO WAS APPOINTED TO THE SUPREME COURT IN
9 SEPTEMBER 1986 BY RONALD REAGAN. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF
10 GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY AND HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. HE BEGAN HIS
11 LEGAL CAREER AT THE INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM AND THEN BECAME
12 PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. PRESIDENT
13 NIXON APPOINTED HIM AS THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICE OF
14 TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY, IN WHICH HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE
15 ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES. IN 1974, HE
16 WAS NOMINATED AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE OFFICE OF
17 LEGAL COUNSEL, AND PRESIDENT GERALD FORD CONTINUED HIS
18 NOMINATION. HE TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL,
19 STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, AND THE FIRST FACULTY ADVISER FOR THE
20 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO'S CHAPTER OF THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY.
21 UNDER PRESIDENT REAGAN HE WAS APPOINTED THE UNITED STATES
22 COURT OF APPEAL IN 1982 AND ELEVATED TO THE -- 1986 TO THE
23 UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. HE SERVED OUR NATION WITH A
24 GENUINE DETERMINATION, WISDOM, WIT, AND TURN OF PHRASES, A
25 STRONG AND RELENTLESS ADVOCATE FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, CHECKS

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1 AND BALANCES, AND LIMITS ON GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY, STATES
2 RIGHTS. HE SOUGHT TO PRESERVE THE SANCTITY OF THE
3 CONSTITUTION. HE WAS A CLASSMATE OF JOE CYRIL. I BECAME
4 FRIENDS WITH JUSTICE SCALIA THROUGH JOE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
5 VISIT WITH HIM IN OUR LAST TRIP TO WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME.
6 BUT, IT WAS INTERESTING, HIS CLOSEST COLLEAGUE ON THE UNITED
7 STATES SUPREME COURT IS JUSTICE GINSBURG. AND SHE AND HER
8 HUSBAND AND JUSTICE SCALIA AND HIS WIFE, THEY TRAVELED
9 TOGETHER TO MANY VACATIONS AND FORUMS. AND THEN ALSO, HE WAS
10 AN ADVOCATE TO THE PRESIDENT TO APPOINT JUSTICE KAGAN TO THE
11 SUPREME COURT, BECAUSE THEY WERE ALSO FRIENDS, AND HE TAUGHT
12 HER HUNTING AND ET CETERA, ET CETERA. BUT HE HAD A VERY DRY
13 SENSE OF HUMOR, A VERY INTERESTING INDIVIDUAL, AND HE'S
14 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MAUREEN AND THEIR NINE CHILDREN. ALSO, A
15 GOOD FRIEND TO MANY OF US IS JOANNE HALE.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SUPERVISOR, COULD I SAY A WORD ABOUT
18 JUSTICE SCALIA. I JUST WANT TO CHANNEL MY HERO, THE NOTORIOUS
19 R.B.G., THAT IS RUTH BADER GINSBURG. NO ONE COULD QUITE
20 UNDERSTAND WHY THESE TWO PEOPLE WERE GOOD FRIENDS, BUT THEY
21 WERE, VERY GOOD FRIENDS. I MEAN, HE EVEN GOT HER TO GO
22 HUNTING. I CAN'T IMAGINE R.B.G. WITH A RIFLE, WHICH WOULD BE
23 ALMOST AS BIG AS SHE IS, I GUESS, BUT I GUESS THEY WERE AND
24 WORKED VERY HARD TO EXEMPLIFY PEOPLE WHO WOULD DISAGREE
25 FIERCELY ON THE COURT. THE DISSENTS WERE FIERY ON BOTH SIDES.

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1 AND, YET, THEY WERE APPRECIATIVE OF EACH OTHER, SORT OF OF THE
2 HONESTY OF EACH OTHER'S APPROACH. SO I WANTED TO, AS I SAID,
3 CHANNEL HER HERE AND ALSO JOIN IN THE ADJOURNMENT.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOANNE HALE, FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND LIFE
6 TRUSTEE OF THE AUTRY MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN WEST PASSED AWAY
7 ON FEBRUARY 9TH, AND SHE WAS 87. SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF THE
8 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, AND SHE WAS THE
9 DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR UNITED SPORTING GOODS,
10 COFOUNDER AND CHAIR OF SABRE PRODUCTS. SERVED ON EXECUTIVE
11 COMMITTEE MUSIC CENTER, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
12 UNITED WAY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN. SHE AND
13 JACKIE AUTRY WERE, LET'S SAY, SHE WOULD BE JACKIE AUTRY'S
14 RIGHT AND LEFT HAND WITH THE MUSEUM. JOANNE'S HUSBAND, MONTE
15 HALE, WAS ONE OF THE COWBOY ACTORS OF THE PAST, AS WAS GENE
16 AUTRY. AND SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY WHO JUST PASSED AWAY. A
17 CLASSMATE OF MY SISTER'S, MARGARET DANDRICH PASSED AWAY AT THE
18 AGE OF 70, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SILVER LAKE AREA, ATTENDED
19 JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL. MEMBER OF THE JOBS BROTHERS. BOTH
20 SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE ACTIVE WITH THE BOY SCOUTS. AND SHE
21 IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, VERNON, WHO IS A RETIRED POLICE
22 OFFICER FOR LOS ANGELES CITY, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. ROSE
23 STOFFER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SHE
24 WAS A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER AT HENRY MAYO NEWHALL HOSPITAL AND
25 SHE WAS THE MAYO HOSPITAL'S VOLUNTEER QUARTERLY AWARD

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1 RECIPIENT IN 2006 AND 2010 AND AWARDED THE HONORARY LIFE
2 MEMBER AWARD FOR THE AUXILIARY ROSE. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
3 TWO SONS. HAL KNIGHT PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 10TH AT THE AGE
4 OF 82. HE SERVED THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR.
5 HE WAS ACTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
6 LATER MICOM SYSTEM, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MICKIE,
7 AND THEIR DAUGHTER. JUDGE WILLIAM BIRNEY, JR., PASSED AWAY AT
8 THE AGE OF 84. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FROM 1988
9 TO 2011. BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT, HE WORKED FOR VONS
10 SUPERMARKET CHAIN FOR 20 YEARS, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
11 AND THEIR TWO SONS. JUDGE FRANK KLEEMAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
12 SANTA CLARITA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. HE HAD SERVED IN
13 THE NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE BEFORE WORKING AS A DEPUTY FOR THE
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE THEN WENT ON TO
15 HAVE A CAREER AS A LAWYER, EVENTUALLY AS A COMPENSATION
16 ARBITRATOR JUDGE. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
17 CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, INVOLVED WITH
18 THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AND THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
19 FOUNDATION. HE WAS NAMED SANTA CLARITA VALLEY'S MAN OF THE
20 YEAR IN 2002 ALONG WITH HIS WIFE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
21 SILVER SPUR AWARD FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE BY COLLEGE OF THE
22 CANYONS IN 2005. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR FOUR
23 CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY MOTIONS.
24

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. I HAVE
2 ONE ADJOURNMENT, MEMBERS. AND I MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN
3 MEMORY OF MR. GALINDO, MIGUEL LOUIS GALINDO, WHO WAS BORN IN
4 LOS ANGELES ON APRIL 17TH, 1952, PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 5TH OF
5 THIS YEAR. HE WAS THE ELDEST SON OF LOUIS AND CELIA GALINDO
6 AND WAS RAISED IN PICO RIVERA WITH HIS FOUR SIBLINGS. MR.
7 GALINDO WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS PASSION FOR LIFE. HE WAS A
8 GRADUATE OF OUR LADY OF QUEEN OF ANGELS SEMINARY SCHOOL AND
9 CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES. A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF PICO
10 RIVERA AND WHITTIER AREA, MR. GALINDO RAISED TWO CHILDREN WITH
11 HIS WIFE, SYLVIA. HIS PASSION FOR HIS COMMUNITY LED HIM TO
12 SERVE AS A COUNSELOR AT THE OPTIMIST BOYS HOME AND AS A
13 TEACHER AT MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 29 YEARS. HE IS
14 SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE OF 39 YEARS, SYLVIA L. GALINDO AND
15 THEIR TWO CHILDREN, MARISOL GALINDO-WRIGHT AND MIGUEL GALINDO.
16 SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND
19 MEMBERS. I'D ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN THE MEMORY OF
20 WILLIAM BUSTER POLLARD, JR., BORN JULY 23, 1912 IN THE GREAT
21 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND RECENTLY PASSED AT THE AGE OF 103.
22 HIS LIFE WAS FILLED WITH MANY FIRSTS GROWING UP IN A
23 SEGREGATED, AS THEN ILLINOIS. HE INTEGRATED FOSTER ELEMENTARY
24 SCHOOL, BELONGED TO THE NATION'S FIRST COLORED BOY SCOUT
25 TROOP, AND BECAME THE FIRST BLACK LIFEGUARD ON THE

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1 QUOTE/UNQUOTE COLORED BEACH ON LAKE MICHIGAN. PRAIRIE VIEW AND
2 A.&M. UNIVERSITY CHANGED HIS LIFE. HE WAS NOT ONLY AN ALL-
3 AMERICAN END WHO KICKED THE EXTRA POINT AFTER THE FINAL
4 TOUCHDOWN TO LEAD HIS TEAM TO THE 1933 SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC
5 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP, BUT HE ALSO SERVED AS THE DEPUTY
6 EDITOR OF THE COLLEGE NEWSPAPER AND BELONGED TO THE DEBATE
7 TEAM THAT BEAT WYLIE COLLEGE, IMMORTALIZED IN THE MOVIE "THE
8 GREAT DEBATERS." HE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION AT
9 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE ALSO MET HIS FUTURE WIFE,
10 MISS HELEN PROCTOR. THEY RELOCATED TO ST. LOUIS AND RAISED
11 FOUR CHILDREN. MR. POLLARD TAUGHT HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY AND
12 CHEMISTRY IN CHICAGO AND IN ST. LOUIS AND LATER BECAME AN
13 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND TAUGHT AT WYLIE COLLEGE IN
14 TEXAS AND AT THE ATLANTA UNIVERSITY COMPLEX. IN 1960, THE U.S.
15 STATE DEPARTMENT HIRED HIM TO DEVELOP THE FIRST RURAL TEACHING
16 TRAINING INSTITUTE IN LIBERIA. AND THERE, THE RURAL TRAINING
17 INSTITUTE SPECIALIZED IN DEVELOPING STAFF FOR ELEMENTARY
18 SCHOOLS AND VILLAGES ACROSS THE WEST AFRICAN COUNTRY. HE WAS
19 RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING A FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN
20 MILWAUKEE FOCUSING ON THEIR PREDOMINANTLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN
21 PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOCAL LEADER, A
22 PIONEER AND EDUCATOR, A COACH, AN ADVENTURER AND A DEVOTED
23 FATHER AND HUSBAND WHO TRAVELED TO FIVE CONTINENTS. HE IS
24 SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER RANDALL, FOUR CHILDREN, VERONICA,
25 BILL, GAYLE, GAYE, HIS GRANDSON, JUSTIN, AND MANY NIECES,

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1 NEPHEWS, COUSINS, AND FRIENDS, MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY
2 WHO WILL REMEMBER HIM. THIS IS WILLIAM BUSTER POLLARD, JR.,
3 DIED AT THE AGE OF 103. AND THEN, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS,
4 I'D ASK THAT YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF MILDRED
5 LOUISE SHAPLEY MATTHEWS, WHO WAS BORN IN 1915 IN PASADENA,
6 CALIFORNIA, AND PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 11TH AT THE AGE OF
7 100. HER INHERITED LOVE OF ASTRONOMY LED HER TO RECEIVE A
8 BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY
9 OF MICHIGAN. SHE WAS ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA, AND SHE MET
10 HER FUTURE HUSBAND, RALPH MATTHEWS, AT THE UNIVERSITY. THEY
11 WED IN 1937, HAD FOUR CHILDREN, JUNE, BRUCE, MELVIN, AND
12 MARTHA. MRS. MATTHEWS WAS AN AMBITIOUS, ADVENTUROUS WOMAN AND
13 DECIDED TO ADVANCE BOTH HER CAREER AND HER HORIZONS BY
14 PURSUING A SCIENTIFIC CAREER AS A RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN
15 ASTROPHYSICS AT THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. SHE
16 THEN ACCEPTED A POSITION AT THE OBSERVATORY IN ITALY, WHERE
17 WORKING WITH PROMINENT ITALIAN ASTRONOMERS, SHE MADE HER MARK.
18 SHE THEN RETURNED IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1970 AND TOOK A
19 POSITION AT THE LUNAR PLANETARY LABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY
20 OF ARIZONA. AND FROM THERE, SHE BECAME AN EDITOR OF THE SERIES
21 OF REFERENCE BOOKS ON SPACE SCIENCES WHICH EVENTUALLY EXTENDED
22 TO 30 VOLUMES. FOR THIS WORK, SHE WAS HONORED WITH THE HAROLD
23 MASURSKY AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO PLANETARY SCIENCE
24 FROM THE AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY IN 1993. SHE RETIRED IN
25 1996 AT THE AGE OF 81. AND THEN AT THE AGE OF 97, SHE TRAVELED

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1 TO STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, AS A GUEST OF HER MATHEMATICIAN BROTHER,
2 WHO WAS BEING AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE IN ECONOMICS. SHE WILL
3 BE REMEMBERED AS A WORLD TRAVELER, AN OPERA LOVER, RESEARCH
4 ASTRONOMIST, A DEVOTED MOTHER, WIFE, GRANDMOTHER WHO TRAVELED
5 TO SIX CONTINENTS BY EVERY DOGSLED, BOAT, PLANE, TRAIN AND
6 MORE. MISS MATTHEWS LIVED WITH AND WAS CARED FOR BY HER LOVING
7 DAUGHTER MARTHA AND HER SPOUSE YOLANDA RIVERA AND IS SURVIVED
8 BY HER BROTHER, LLOYD, FOUR CHILDREN, HER SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN,
9 10 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND NUMEROUS LOVING NIECES, NEPHEWS
10 AND THE LIKE WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. MADAME CHAIR AND
11 MEMBERS, MILDRED LOUISE SHAPLEY MATTHEWS. AND WE ADJOURN WITH
12 MEMORY OF TWO SUCH INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE IT TO 100-YEARS-PLUS.
13 MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MADAME CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION,
14 I'D LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION
15 NEXT WEEK. AND THIS IS GENERATING NEEDED, ONGOING REVENUE TO
16 ADDRESS THE HOMELESS CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY. I READ THIS ON
17 BEHALF OF MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ALL OF US HAD A
18 WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM OUR RESPECTIVE CITIES LAST
19 WEEK WITH THE IDEA OF ONGOING REVENUES NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE
20 HOMELESS INITIATIVE THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT. WE KNOW THAT OUR
21 RESOURCES WILL NOT SUSTAIN THE PROPOSITION, THEREFORE I THINK
22 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE BEGIN NOW TO HAVE AN APPROPRIATE
23 CONVERSATION BASED ON KNOWING THE BUDGET PROJECTIONS FOR
24 CURRENT COUNTY RESOURCES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN WHAT WE
25 KNOW WE MUST DO. SO WE THEN MOVE TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1 OFFICER TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS TO INCREASE REVENUES DEDICATED
2 SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S HOMELESS
3 CRISIS, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
4 PROPOSAL, SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO OUR OWN VERSION,
5 WHATEVER THAT WOULD BE, REPORT BACK TO US IN 30 DAYS AND THEN
6 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO CONDUCT POLLING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES
7 TO INFORM THE BOARD'S OPTIONS AND TIMING WITH RESPECT TO THESE
8 VARIOUS APPROACHES. THE OBJECTIVE HERE IS TO ENSURE EFFICACY,
9 TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE HIGHEST LIKELIHOOD OF
10 PASSAGE SHOULD WE ELECT TO PURSUE THAT COURSE OF ACTION. THIS
11 IS TO BE HEARD NEXT WEEK, MADAME CHAIR. BUT THE TIME HAS COME
12 FOR US TO TAKE SERIOUSLY HOW WE SUSTAIN REVENUES FOR OUR
13 AMBITIOUS HOMELESS PLAN. THANK YOU.

14
15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I KNOW THERE
16 IS AN URGENCY TO GET FUNDING INTO THIS INITIATIVE, BUT I ALSO
17 WOULD ASK THAT THE REPORT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE OTHER
18 INITIATIVES THAT WE ALSO WILL BE PUTTING BEFORE THE VOTERS
19 THAT ARE GOING TO BE SPONSORED BY PERHAPS THE BOARD, LOOKING
20 AT OTHER INITIATIVES.

21
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, BUT THAT WOULD HAVE TO COME NEXT
23 WEEK.

24
25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT, RIGHT.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU CAN AMEND IT FOR NEXT WEEK.

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO BE
5 CLEAR THAT WHAT WE'RE COMPETING -- THANK YOU. OKAY, WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, THIS WILL BE A REPORT BACK. WE'LL BRING IT BACK FOR
7 A VOTE NEXT WEEK. OKAY. TURNING NOW TO PUBLIC COMMENT:
8 PATRICIA MENDOZA, OSCAR MUHAMMAD, CANDICE FRAZIER, KAREEM
9 MUHAMMAD, JOSE MARTINEZ.

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11 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** YEAH, MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK FOR
12 THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR, AND I SPEAK
13 FOR A CULTURE CHANGE. THIS IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND THERE
14 WAS A SLAVE NAMED DRED SCOTT IN MARYLAND. AND DRED SCOTT'S
15 SLAVE MASTER FAVORED HIM AND HE TOOK DRED SCOTT TO WISCONSIN
16 AND PUT IT IN THE SUPREME COURT TO BUY DRED SCOTT FREEDOM. AND
17 THE SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN DENIED DRED SCOTT'S FREEDOM,
18 AND THEY SAID THAT BLACKS ARE SUBJECT AND THEY ARE INFERIOR
19 AND THEY ARE MADE TO BE SUBJECT OF OTHER PEOPLES AND THEY DID
20 NOT HAVE STANDARDS, THE SAME STANDARDS AS WHITES. AND I LOOKED
21 AT THE SITUATION TODAY HOW THE THAT THE HOMELESS LIVING IN LOS
22 ANGELES ARE SUBHUMAN, SO 100 YEARS LATER. SEEMS LIKE THE SAME
23 THING IS INVOLVED IN ANOTHER WAY. BUT WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A
24 WAY TO END OUR RACISM, BUT I GUESS RACISM COME FROM THE DEVIL.
25 BUT ANYWAY, CAPITALISM AND GREED ONLY PROVOKES BIGGER

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1 GOVERNMENT AND HIGHER TAXES. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO MAKE SOME
2 TYPE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG US. WE NEED MORE RESPONSIBILITY
3 IN OUR LIFE, BUT WE SEE HOW THE AFRICAN-AMERICA, WE FIND THE
4 WORST OF EVERYTHING POINTED IN OUR DIRECTION. WE SEE HOW THEY
5 USE THE WORD BITCH ON TV, [EXPLITIVE]. SO MUCH ARE ASSASSINING
6 WORDS, SO MUCH OF OUR DEGRADING WORDS TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER. WE
7 SHOULD TRY TO END ECONOMIC RACISM. YOU KNOW, ECONOMIC RACISM,
8 TRY TO FIND SOME TYPE OF WAY THAT THE WEALTH CAN KIND OF FLOW
9 KIND OF BALANCED, PUT SOME BALANCE OF SOME TYPE DIRECTION
10 WHERE THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT CAN REALLY GET IT. BUT IT SEEM
11 LIKE A LOT OF TIMES PEOPLE NEED, THEY HARDLY FIND A WAY TO
12 RECEIVE THE WEALTH. WE NEED SOME TYPE OF CHECK OVER OUR
13 GOVERNMENT.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

16

17 **PATRICIA MENDOZA:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PATRICIA,
18 LAST NAME IS MENDOZA. THE REASON I'M HERE TODAY IS BECAUSE I
19 WAS HIRED BY A FAMILY, WHICH THEY'RE MY FRIENDS AND THEY LIVE
20 IN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. I WAS INFORMED THAT MR. MARK THOMAS,
21 THAT'S HIS AREA. AND THEY'VE BEEN TENANTS IN APARTMENT UNITS
22 FOR LIKE A TOTAL OF FIVE, EIGHT UNITS FOR THREE YEARS. THEIR
23 RENT IS CLOSE TO \$1,300. AND THERE'S THREE ADULTS, I'M SORRY,
24 FOUR ADULTS AND THREE MINORS. AND THEY'RE SECURITY GUARDS,
25 WHICH THEY COME TO DOWNTOWN L.A. TO TAKE CARE OF THESE VACANT

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1 LOTS WHERE THEY'RE DOING CONSTRUCTION. THEIR MAIN PROBLEM IS
2 THAT YOU HAVE A LANDLORD THAT'S A BULLY, VERY MEAN. SHE
3 BASICALLY, I BELIEVE, REGARDING MY INVESTIGATION, SHE PUTS THE
4 TENANTS, SENDS THE GANG MEMBERS, AND SENDS OTHER PEOPLE TO
5 VISIT THE SAME TENANTS, WHICH THEY BLOCK MY FRIENDS WHEN THEY
6 HAVE TO EXIT THE PROPERTY TO COME TO WORK. THEY'VE BEEN LATE.
7 AND THEY'VE CALLED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MANY TIMES, AND
8 THEY CLAIM THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO. THEY'VE ALREADY, THE
9 GANG MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY WAITED FOR MY FRIENDS TO COME BACK
10 FROM WORK AT 5 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, AND THEY'VE BEEN
11 ALREADY THREATENED, HARASSED WITH A GUN. I'VE BEEN TO THE
12 MAYOR'S OFFICE IN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD JUST TO KIND OF, HEY, WE
13 NEED HELP, WHAT CAN YOU DO? I UNDERSTAND THEY ALSO HAVE A
14 CIVIL MATTER, BUT THE PRO-TEM MAYOR, FEMALE, SAID, AND
15 EVERYONE AND THE CITY ATTORNEY, THEY SAID THERE'S NOTHING THEY
16 CAN DO. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I'M GOING TO FILE A COMPLAINT
17 ON BEHALF OF THE TENANT, ATTENTION TO MAX HUNTSMAN. HE'S THE
18 INSPECTOR GENERAL. AND I'LL BE SENDING A LETTER TO ALL OF YOU.
19 I ALSO WANTED TO SAY I HAVE 11 SECONDS. I SAW THIS ARTICLE.
20 IT'S NOT NICE. I HAVEN'T READ IT, BECAUSE MY SPANISH IS NOT
21 GOOD. THIS ONLY GIVES ME A 1 PERCENT OF HOPE THAT I HOPE TO
22 SEE THE PEOPLE FROM THE RAMPART POLICE STATION, BECAUSE I HAVE
23 ALSO BEEN A VICTIM IN MY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT WITNESS.

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2 **CANDICE FRAZIER:** FIRST, I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING
3 ME TO SPEAK HERE TODAY IN A PUBLIC FORUM. MY NAME IS CANDICE
4 FRAZIER. I'VE BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE COUNTY OF L.A. FOR A YEAR
5 AND NINE MONTHS. I'M LOCATED AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. I'M
6 HERE TODAY TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN THE VICTIM OF
7 WORKPLACE MOBBING BY SEVERAL EMPLOYEES THAT WORK AT CENTRAL
8 JUVENILE HALL. I WILL NOT EXPLOIT THEIR NAMES ON CAMERA, BUT
9 THEY ARE IN THE FILES THAT I'VE HANDED TO YOU. I HAVE REPORTED
10 ALL INCIDENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES. I BEGAN REPORTING IT
11 TO MY SUPERVISOR. BUT WHEN HE BEGAN TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
12 IN THE SITUATION, THE EMPLOYEES WHO WERE INFLECTING THE
13 WORKPLACE MOBBING WOULD THEN BEGIN TO ACCUSE MY IMMEDIATE
14 SUPERVISOR OF PROTECTING ME. BECAUSE I WILL REPORT THEIR
15 BEHAVIOR, THE EMPLOYEES BEGAN SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT ME,
16 CALLING ME A SNITCH AND INAPPROPRIATE NAMES OTHER THAN WHAT'S
17 ON MY SHIRT, AS WELL AS MY SUPERVISOR'S GIRLFRIEND. THESE
18 EMPLOYEES HAVE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO PHYSICALLY ASSAULT ME WHILE
19 AT WORK. IN ADDITION TO THE MENTIONED INCIDENTS, I HAVE HAD
20 NUMEROUS TIME CARD DISCREPANCIES. I HAVE HAD TIME TAKEN FROM
21 ME WHEN I WAS NOT LATE FOR WORK OR WASN'T ABSENT. I HAVE HAD
22 TO CONFRONT MY PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR OVER WHAT APPEARS TO BE
23 DELIBERATE. AT THAT TIME, I IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR WAS THE
24 PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE INFLECTING THE
25 HARASSMENT. THESE EMPLOYEES HAVE EMAILED HIGHER OFFICES WITH

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1 FALSE STATEMENTS IN REGARDS TO MY CONDUCT AS WELL AS SENDING
2 OUT MASS EMAILS TO SEVERAL OTHER OFFICERS AND COUNTY OFFICIALS
3 ACCUSING ME OF BEING A HIRED INFORMANT. SINCE THEN, RECENTLY I
4 HAVE BEEN PUT UNDER INVESTIGATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR
5 INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT. THESE EMPLOYEES CONGREGATE TOGETHER TO
6 CONSPIRE TO DISPARAGE AND DISCREDIT ME BY MAKING FALSE
7 STATEMENTS TO OTHER SUPERVISORS AND DIRECTORS. AS A RESULT, I
8 AM SHUNNED BY MY PEERS AND RESTRICTED FROM WORKING PARTICULAR
9 BUILDINGS.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SOMEONE FROM MY STAFF WILL TALK
12 TO YOU AFTER, IF YOU WANT TO WAIT.

13

14 **CANDICE FRAZIER:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE HAVE KAREEM MUHAMMAD, JOSE
17 MARTINEZ, PRENTISS JENKINS, MAUREEN ELISSA KEOWEN, SHELIA
18 WARD, RUTH SARNOFF, ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, AND LANCASTER.
19 MISS SARNOFF?

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** WANT ME TO GO? OKAY, SHE WANTS ME TO GO FIRST.
22 SORRY. GOOD AFTERNOON, OR GOOD EVENING I SHOULD SAY,
23 SUPERVISORS. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND
24 UNDER THE CATEGORY OF ADJOURNMENTS, I LOST A GOOD FRIEND WHO
25 WAS 49 YEARS OLD NAMED DANIEL GERSON, WHO WAS ONE OF THE

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1 WRITERS OF "MONSTERS, INC." HE DIED ON FEBRUARY 6TH OF A BRAIN
2 TUMOR. SO, PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN -- IT WAS A TERRIBLE
3 LOSS -- CONTRIBUTING TO THAT CAN DO SO AT U.C.L.A.'S BRAIN
4 TUMOR CENTER. I APPRECIATED THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE SECOND
5 DISTRICT RAISING UP RIGHT AFTER HIS LENGTHY ADJOURNMENTS THE
6 IDEA OF GETTING REVENUE FROM THE CITIES TO WORK ON THE
7 HOMELESS PROBLEM. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE GET FARBER AND THE
8 FOLKS AT PUBLIC WORKS TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A WIND
9 GENERATION PROGRAM WHEREIN WE CAN HARNESS THE EXHAUSTIVE
10 PRESENTATION FROM THIS BOARD PRIOR TO ACCEPTING GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENTS IN THE FORM OF ADJOURNMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING. I
12 THINK WE COULD BANK SOME SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY IF WE CAN
13 GET THAT SET UP JUST RIGHT. WE DO GET SOME NICE GUSTS FROM
14 BOTH THE THIRD DISTRICT, OBVIOUSLY NOBODY DOES AS GOOD A JOB
15 AS THE STATELY MAYOR FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, EXCEPT FOR THE
16 STATELY MAYOR FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHO WILL BLOW HARD FOR
17 AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO BE CLEAR THAT AT LEAST FIVE OR SEVEN
18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE NOT HEARD FROM PROPERLY DURING A
19 MEETING. SO, I WOULD SAY THANK YOU, SIR, FOR BRINGING ALL THAT
20 ALL TO OUR ATTENTION. AND WITH NO DISRESPECT TO THE PHONE,
21 OBVIOUSLY, NEITHER BADER GINSBURG NOR SCALIA DESERVE TO BE PUT
22 IN THAT PLACE. AND BADER GINSBURG STILL LIVES, AS FAR AS I
23 KNOW, SO CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG ON THAT. IF OFTEN YOU'RE
24 WRONG AT THE SUPREME COURT LEVEL, AND I'M RIGHT, BUT WE CAN GO
25 THERE LATER. FOR NOW, I WOULD JUST ASK SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO

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1 STEP FORWARD AND SUPPORT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY
2 AND ALL THE NEIGHBORS WHO ARE NEAR COLDWATER CANYON AGAINST
3 THE HARVARD-WESTLAKE PROJECT AND JUST GIVE ME EXTRA 30
4 SECONDS, AS YOU DID THE OTHERS, BECAUSE THIS IS A PROJECT
5 WHICH HAS GARNERED ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TRUSTEES TO A
6 COUNCILMEMBER IN THE DISTRICT.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED. OKAY, WE HAVE --

9

10 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. THANK YOU.

13

14 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I THINK THERE'S A REAL OPPORTUNITY AND AN
15 OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THE STATE AND PERHAPS MORE RESOURCES TO
16 THE SITUATION AROUND EXIDE AND AROUND ALSO THE PORTER RANCH
17 SITUATION. IN BOTH CASES, THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR
18 ESTABLISHING -- AND QUITE IMMEDIATELY, ACTUALLY -- LEAD
19 SAMPLES, SO THAT WE CAN SEE THE LEVEL OF LEAD AND CERTAIN
20 OTHER TOXICS, BENZENE, TOLUENE, AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS THAT
21 ARE ASSOCIATED WITH OIL. IT'S NOT JUST AIR. THERE'S BEEN A LOT
22 OF TALK ABOUT AIR. I NOTICED ONE OF THE LAST ARTICLES
23 MENTIONED SOIL. IT'S ALSO SOIL, AND IT'S PERHAPS WATER. AND
24 BECAUSE THE GAS IS TRANSPORTED, IT'S A NATURAL CAVITY. WE HAVE
25 THE SAME THING AT PLAYA VISTA. WE HAVE A BIG GAS STORAGE OUT

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1 THERE. I'VE BEEN AWARE, HYDROGEN SULFIDE WAS VERY STRONG, SO
2 STRONG THAT I PUT A HANDKERCHIEF OVER, WETTED HANDKERCHIEF
3 OVER MY FACE, AND THAT WAS ON L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
4 PROPERTY, WHICH WAS IMPROPERLY GATED. AND SO I TRESPASSED WITH
5 OTHERS TO GET THE INFORMATION AND TO GET PICTURES OF THE WELL
6 THERE. WE DID GET ONE WELL, THEM TO CLOSE IT DOWN AND SEAL IT.
7 I'VE BEEN TO -- AROUND THE SITUATION IN BEVERLY HILLS, WHICH
8 WAS NEAR THE HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE WE HAD A CANCER CLUSTER. THERE
9 IS A NEED FOR A HEALTH STUDY AND HEALTH RECORDS, BECAUSE
10 THERE'S NO DATA. AND IT'S LIKE THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED
11 WITH THE SHOOTINGS AND NATIONAL NO DATA ON POLICE SHOOTINGS.

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13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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15 **RUTH SARNOFF:** AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CORRELATION, THE
16 LACK OF DATA MEANS THERE'S NO RECORD AND YOU'LL NEVER HOLD
17 ACCOUNTABLE ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO DIRTY THE ENVIRONMENT IF YOU
18 DON'T HAVE ANY DATA AND YOU DON'T SHOW ANY CONCERN FOR THE
19 PEOPLE WHO GET POISONED.

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21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR LAST SPEAK CERTAIN FROM
22 LANCASTER.

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24 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THERE WE GO. SHOUTOUT TO THE LATE ANTONIN
25 SCALIA. TOO-DEE-HOO! YES, NOW WE HAVE A SPLIT SUPREME COURT.

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1 NOW, WHO ARE WE GOING TO PICK TO FILL THAT SUPREME COURT
2 VACANCY 4-4 TIE? HOW CONVENIENT! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE
3 DEMOCRATS. YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED. YOU GOT A 4-4 TIE ON EVERY
4 ISSUE. GOOD GOING, BECAUSE IF THE OLD GUY HAD LIVED, IT WAS
5 GOING TO BE A 5-4 SLAM-FEST IN THE THE SUPREME COURT. BUT IT'S
6 JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT HE HAPPENED TO DIE WITH A PILLOW ON
7 HIS HEAD. OF COURSE! NOW, BY THE WAY, PRODUCT PLACEMENT, ENJOY
8 MOUNTAIN DEW! NOW -- I'M TRYING TO HELP PAY SOME BILLS HERE --
9 WE'VE GOT ALL THESE PRESENTATIONS AND ALL THIS STUFF. AND I
10 THINK MR. PREVEN WAS SAYING, YOU KNOW, THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT
11 PER SUPERVISOR. THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT OF TWO DEATHS MAXIMUM
12 PER SUPERVISOR SO WE CAN GET THIS GOING. FINALLY, NO ON
13 MITCHELL ENGLANDER FOR SUPERVISOR. HE IS A PIECE OF GARBAGE.
14 HE'S WORTHLESS. HE'S A CITY HALL, L.A. CITY HALL INSIDER
15 SCUMBAG. AND NO ON JANICE HAHN. JANICE HAHN HAS COME BACK FROM
16 THE DEAD. WELL, I WISH SCALIA WOULD COME BACK, BUT JANICE HAHN
17 CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD, AND NOW SHE'S RUNNING FOR THE
18 SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 4. DO NOT VOTE FOR JANICE HAHN. SHE'S AN
19 L.A. CITY HALL SCUMBAG. VOTE NO. VOTE FOR ANYBODY -- ANYBODY
20 BUT JANICE HAHN. DO NOT VOTE FOR JANICE HAHN, AND DO NOT VOTE
21 FOR THAT SCUMBAG ENGLANDER. YOU DO THAT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A
22 BETTER GOVERNMENT.
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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES OUR MEETING FOR
2 TODAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE WOULD LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION. WHAT IS
3 YOUR QUESTION, SIR?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE WE ADJOURNED?

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7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO MOVED. WE ARE OFFICIALLY ADJOURNED.
8 THANK YOU SO MUCH, STAFF AND THE PUBLIC, FOR LISTENING. THANK
9 YOU FOR YOUR INDULGENCE.

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